The Morning Alarum.

AN EPISTLE SENT TO ONE OF THE Princes of GERMANY:

Treating, in briefe, of the Order of the foure Monarchies.
The Calling of the *Jewes*.
The rebuilding of *Jeruſalem*; and of *Canaan*.
The Routing and totall Ruine of Romiſh *Babylon*.
The Extirpation of the Reigne of the Great Beaſt, the laſt *Antichriſt*.
Of the moſt Glorious Reigne of *Jeſus Chriſt* here upon Earth with his Saints a thouſand yeares.
Of the laſt Judgement: Of the new Heavens and new Earth: and of the new *Jeruſalem*.

Tranſlated out of *French* into *Engliſh*
by *Nathaniell Johnſon*, Gent.

Jer. 1. 17. [illegible]d at their faces, leaſt I confound thee before thee

Pſal. 69. [illegible] or God will ſave Zion, and build the Cities of Judah, that they may dwell there, and have it in poſſeſſion. The ſeed alſo of his ſervants ſhall inherit it; And they that love his Name ſhall dwell therein.

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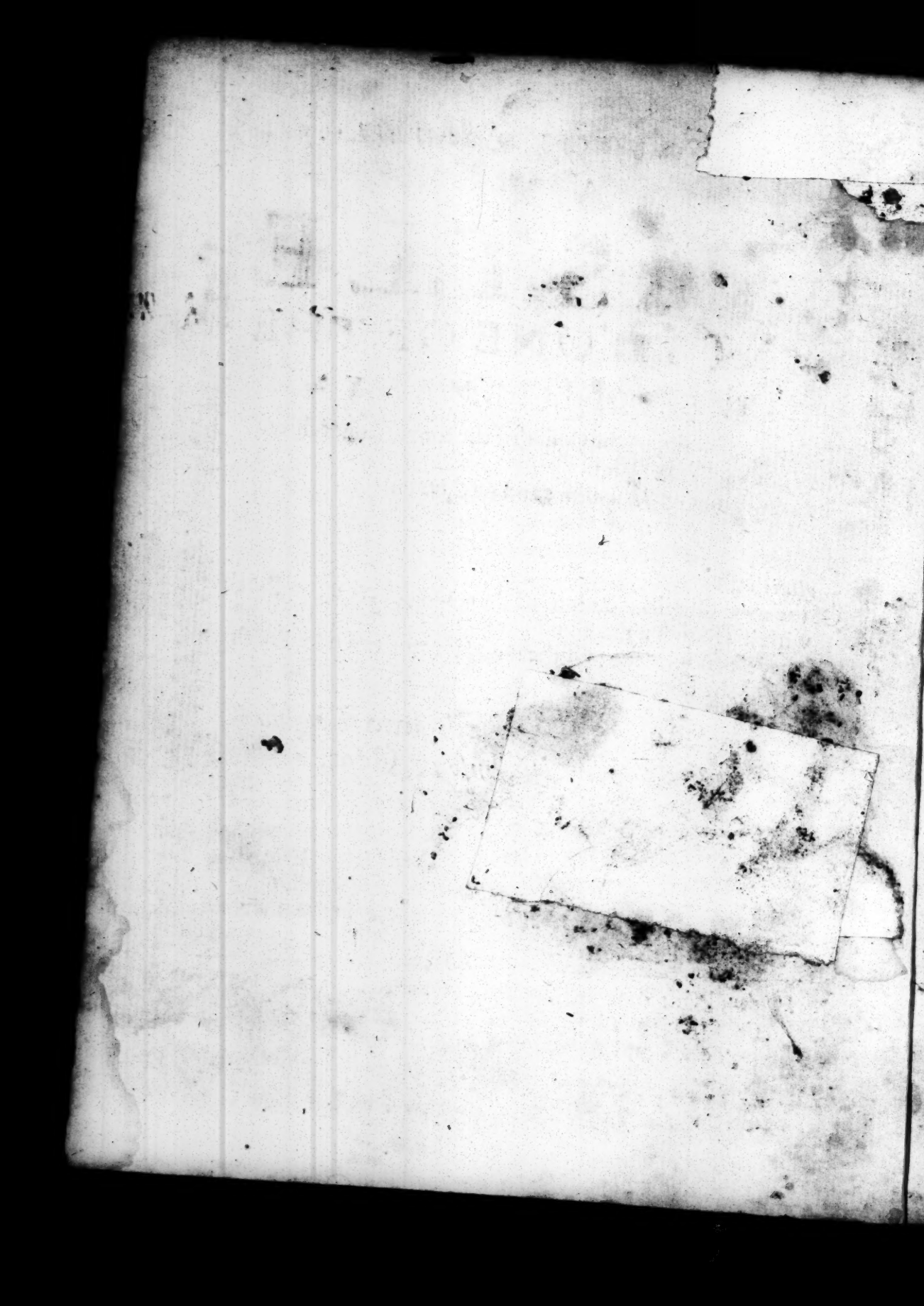

O. C. Cromwell.

TO THE HONORABLE Major Generall *HARRISON*, A Member of the Honorable Parliament of *England*; And one of the Honorable Councell of State.

Honored Sir;

THis Treatiſe comming to my hands, brought by a dear friend of mine from beyond Sea, being in the *French* tongue, Dedicated to one of the Illuſtrious Princeſſes of *Germany*, to the end that it might be communicated to the Queen-Mother of *Sweden*, and unto divers other Princes and Princeſſes there; I was very unwilling that matters of ſuch Great Importance, ſent to ſuch Honorable Perſonages, tending both to their and our temporall and eternall good, ſhould lye concealed in an unknowne tongue; as it is to many of us. I have therefore ſpent ſome houres

in putting them into our Mother tongue, so your *Honor*, and all others may see what is contained therein. And according to my weake ability, I have given you word for word what I found. The Author I know not, I judge him to be one that looks for a City which hath foundations, *whose builder and maker is God*; his very speech bewrayeth him; *For of a truth, God is no respecter of persons, but in every Nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousnesse, is accepted of him.* In regard there are such diversity of opinions abroad, wee are commanded *to try the Spirits, whether they be of God, or no*: Now your *Honor* having been in these backsliding times, a favourer of honest and godly men, it imboldned mee to dedicate it to your *Honor*, humbly begging a thorough perusall of it, being all the end I ayme at. You shall finde that it shall bring you into no crooked path, or new way, but into the old path, into the good way, walking therein you shall finde rest for your soule. Your *Honor* seeth how the Sword devours in *Ireland*, and in *Scotland*, and in other places, and how soon the Lord will visit us with famine, already begun among our neighbours, we cannot tell. And what hath procured these things, but our own wayes and doings;

s; for though every way of man is right in his own eyes, yet if *a mans wayes please the Lord, he maketh his very enemies to be at peace with him; for he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the Children of men.* Therefore being called by the Lord to be a Judge over his people, *whilst it is called to day*, imploy your Talent to his glory; Defend the poore and fatherlesse, doe justice to the afflicted and needy, deliver the poore and needy; rid them out of the hand of the wicked; plead for the widdow. The Counsell that *Moses* gave, *Deut.* 1.17. saying, *Heare the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him; Yee shall not respect persons in judgement, but yee shall heare the small as well as the great; yee shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgement is Gods*; Force not the Consciences of the Lords people, to pay tithes under the Gospel; Consequently, denying Christ to be come in the flesh, who hath ordained another Ministry, then that under the Law, that when you come to finish your Course, you may say as *Samuel* said; *Behold, here I am, witnesse against mee before the Lord, and his anoynted; whose Oxe have I taken, or whose Asse have I taken, or whom have I defrauded; whom have I oppressed, or of whose*

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hand have I received any bribe, to blind mine eyes therewith, and I will reſtore it you : And they ſaid, thou haſt not defrauded us, nor oppreſſed us ; neither haſt thou taken ought of any mans hand : And he ſaid unto them, the Lord is witneſſe againſt you and his anoynted this day, that yee have not found ought in my hand ; and they ſaid, hee is witneſſe. Every one would die the death of the righteous ; but that cannot be, without living the life of the righteous. *Therefore whatſoever you would that men ſhould doe to you, doe you the ſame to them* : that although the whole world live in wickedneſſe, it may be ſaid to you as it was to *Noah; Thee have I ſeen righteous before mee in this Generation* ; For when the judgements of God are in the earth, the people ſhould learne righteouſneſſe ; This is not a time to joyne houſe to houſe, thinking they ſhall continue for ever. But I ſhall leave you to the Author, whom I may prejudice by my weakneſſe, hoping that it will be favourably accepted, from your moſt humble ſervant

Nathaniell Johnſon.

To the READER.

IUst so as at the Jewellers, Goldsmiths, Apothecaries, *and* Drugsters, *are found in little Boxes, Violls, and Purses, most precious Stones and Jewels, Oyles, Spirits, Drugs, and most excellent, and most exquisit Ingredients, of great value and vertue for the use of man; Even so in this little Booke, you shall finde many sorts of holy matters, and most necessary Receipts, very comfortable, and full of edification, for the tranquilitie and safetie of the Conscience, and rest of your Soules; God doth admonish us very seriously in his Word; saying,* Thou shalt not follow a multitude to doe evill, neither shalt thou speake in a cause, to decline after many to wrest Judgement, *Exod.* 23. *ver.* 2. *Psal.* 11. *These divine Oracles and Admonitions, ought to be well meditated and observed of all us who say wee are Christians: But alas, clean contrary; for compare our lives, behaviours, Doctrines, devotions, feigned confessions, childish actions, fraught with error, to the divine and saving Exhortations,*

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Commandements, Ordinances, and Decrees of God of his anoynted Jesus Christ, set forth by his faithfull Servants the Prophets and Apostles; and truly we shall find, that all these diversities of sects and religions, which haue been of a long standing, and are yet in being, or beare sway at present, are but inventions and humane Traditions, casting away the Crosse of Christ, and refusing to follow the good and saving counsell of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Master and Saviour, continuing obstinate in the vulgar errors, and hardened in heart, by which wee draw down more and more upon us, all the wrath & just Judgement of God. Let us begin therefore to amend our selves, and retire in time from the broad erring way, and that without delay, and let us obey the Ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ; believing Moses *and the Prophets: reade and meditate therefore carefully without any prejudice, this little Booke which I present unto you, and let it haue your favourable acceptance, and you shall be in a short time in honor with the great God to your owne comfort. Now peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, and all those that love our Lord Jesus Christ in purity and obedience.* Amen.

PAge 5. line 15. read *he*; line 19. for *she* r. *he*; p. 8. l. 29. reade *them* for *him*; p. 12. l. 6. for *parents* r. *perverse*; p. 14. l. 19. *Senators*; p. 14. last line, for *Master* r. *Mayor*.

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Illuſtrious and Thrice Excellent Lady and Princeſſe.

HAving read divers moderne Authors, treating upon the *Revelation*, Concerning the calling and converſion of the *Jewes*, and of the magnificent Reigne of *Jeſus Chriſt* a thouſand yeares upon Earth with his Elect; and that which followeth hereafter; They have been found but childiſh and extravagant Expoſitions; ſo fabulous and ridiculous, that to alledge them were undecent; Becauſe their inſufficiency and ſtupidity doth redound to the diſhonour of the Excellent Oracles of the moſt High; hearing therefore the voyce of my Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt his onely Sonne, redounding & ſounding by his holy Spirit into my heart, ſoule, and ſpirit; Telling mee, and likewiſe all that are humble and faithfull; *Search the Scriptures diligently; for in them yee thinke yee have eternall life, and they are they which teſtifie of mee*: And the Prophet *Iſaiah*, (Chap. 8 20.) ſaith, *To the Law, and to the Teſtimony*; if they ſpeake not according to this word, it is becauſe there is no light in them; Therefore following the good and ſaving Counſell of God, and imitating that which is written in *Acts* 17. 11. I finde, and feele in my heart and ſpirit, that *the Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the ſoule; the teſtimony of the Lord is ſure, making wiſe the ſimple; the Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoycing the heart; the Commandement of the Lord is pure, enlightning the eyes*, Pſal. 19. 8, 9. And, that *the Lord is my light, and my ſalvati-*

on, Pſal. 27. 11. Pſal. 119. 18. 29. 105. 130. verſ. And that alſo the ſpirit of man is *the Candle of the Lord*, ſearching all the inward parts of the belly: Wee ought therefore to give our heart unto the Lord, for he requires it, ſaying; *My ſonne give mee thy heart, and let thine eyes obſerve my wayes*, Prov. 23. 26. And the Apoſtle ſaith, *Wee have alſo a more ſure word of Propheſie, whereunto yee doe well to take heed as unto a light that ſhineth in a darke place, untill the day dawne, and the day-ſtarre ariſe in your hearts.* Seeke yee out of the booke of God, and reade *Iſaiah* 34. 16. Moreover, Jeſus Chriſt ſaith to his Diſciples; and conſequently to all us; *Unto you it is given to know the Myſteries of the kingdome of God*, Luk. 8. 10. Matth. 4. 11 Matth. 13. 11.

The ſecret of the Lord is with them that feare him, and he will ſhew them his Covenant, Pſal. 25. 14. Dan. 1. 17. & Dan. 2. 19, 20. 23. 28. 30. May it pleaſe therefore your moſt Illuſtrious Greatneſſe to underſtand that the 19. of *January* 1645. I was diſcourſing with two Antagoniſts, and were at leaſt two houres and a halfe together, ſpeaking of the tranſgreſſions of Chriſtians, concerning that which was forbidden in *Acts* 15. & 21. Chap. corporall and politicke, and of our obedience to the higher power, to wit, the Emperour, *Rom.* 13. 1. *Dan.* 2. 4, 5, 6. & 7. chap. *Jer.* 27. *Matth.* 22. 21. *Mark.* 12. 14. *Luk.* 2. 1. & 20. 22, 23, 24, 25. Of the calling and converſion of the *Jewes*; of the rebuilding of *Jeruſalem* and of *Canaan*; and of the great Beaſt, the laſt Antichriſt, ſonne of perdition; and of the falſe Prophet, 2 *Theſ.* 2, 3. *Revel.* 13. And of the moſt glorious Reign of Jeſus Chriſt with his Saints a thouſand yeares here upon Earth; But their objections were erronious, and all falſe and contrary to the word of God; and they ſaid it was a folly to beleeve in all thoſe points (the which are of ſo great conſequence, and profitable to be knowne of all men) that I propounded to them, and made a mocke: I ſhewed them alſo a Booke, called *The Annuntiation Pacifique to all the Princes in Europe*, Printed in High German. 1640.

The which I ſhewed heretofore to your Illuſtrious Greatneſſe, which you did then well approve of for good, becauſe it was grounded and taken out of the word of God; and they ſleighted it; I beſeech the Lord to convert them; Therefore to

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ſhew you that they are no fooleries, nor phanſies: and that we ought not to make the word of God a noſe of wax, to turne here and there which way wee pleaſe, as men doe in theſe dayes; and as the reformed *Lutherans* pretend, and other ſects; May it pleaſe your Illuſtrious Greatneſſe, to behold and marke the Order of the foure Monarchies and Empires, that it hath pleaſed the Lord to eſtabliſh upon the face of the Earth; according to their Order contained in the holy Scripture.

1. King *Nebuchodonoſor* was the firſt Monarch poſſeſſing and governing the whole univerſall world; he was King of *Babylon*, the chiefe Citie of the *Chaldeans*, and of *Ninive*, the chiefe Citie of the *Aſſyrians*; Hee and his children are the head of Gold, *Dan.* 2. 32. Thou, O King, art a King of Kings, for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdome, power and ſtrength and glory, and whereſoever the Children of men dwell, the beaſts of the field, and the fowles of heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee Ruler over them all; thou art this head of Gold, *Dan.* 2. 37, 38. & 4. 17, 18, 19. & 5. 18. 19. This firſt Monarchy in the viſion of the Prophet, is repreſented in the forme of a Lyon, with the wings of an Eagle, which is the firſt Beaſt, *Dan.* 7. 4. *Jer.* 25. 27. 2 *Chron.* 36. *Jer.* 31. 52. *And after thee ſhall ariſe another kingdome, inferior to thee of ſilver, Dan.* 2. 39. 2 *King.* 25. 2 *Chron.* 36. *Jer.* 31. 52.

Daniel propheſied to *Belſhazzar* King of the *Babylonians*, that he ſhould be deprived of his kingdome by the *Meades* and *Perſians*, Dan. 5. 1. to the 30. *The ſaid King was in the ſame night ſlaine, verſ.* 30. And ſo the firſt Beaſt and Monarchy ended the ſeventeenth yeare of *Belſhazzar* ſonne of *Nebuchodonoſor*.

2. *Cyrus* King of the *Meads* and *Perſians* tooke the Towne of *Babylon*, and all *Chaldea* and *Aſſyria*; he and his children are the ſecond Monarchy; they are repreſented unto us by the breaſt and armes of ſilver, *Dan.* 2. 32. Which is the ſecond Beaſt likened to a devouring Beare, *Dan.* 7. 5.

3. *Alexander* the Great, Sonne of *Philip* King of *Macedon* and of *Greece*; hee revolted againſt *Darius* King of the Monarchy of the *Meads* and *Perſians*, gained one Battell over the *Perſians*, tooke the Towne of *Thebes*, and made himſelfe Maſter of *Illyrius* and *Triballus*; Marched with his Armie into *Aſia*; made

himſelfe Maſter of the Townes of *Sardes*, *Miletum*, and *Hallicarnaſe*; diſcomfited *Darius*, King of the *Perſians* the ſecond time; hee tooke alſo the wife of *Darius*, and his Mother, and his two Daughters, leading them Captives: the ſaid *Alexander* the Great, diſcomfited *Darius* the third time, the laſt King of the Monarchy of the *Perſians* and *Meads*, neare to *Darbella*; the ſaid King *Darius* thinking to fly to the Mountains of the *Meads* was killed by *Beſſo*. *Alexander* the Great, tooke the great Cities of *Babylon*, *Suſan*, and the Royall Citie of *Perſepolim*: the ſaid *Alexander* Sonne of *Philip* King of *Macedon*, after that he had defeated and ſlaine the aforeſaid *Darius* neare *Darbella*; he reigned and was the third Monarch in his place; having before reigned in *Greece*; he made many warres, and conquered many ſtrong holds, and put to death the Kings of the Earth; hee paſſed to the ends of the Earth, and tooke ſpoyles of many Nations, of the Gentiles; And the Earth was quiet before him; and his heart was lifted up with pride; hee gathered a mighty ſtrong Hoſt; and he ruled over many Nations; Countrys, and Kings, were tributaries unto him; ſo that he was the third King and Monarch, and was repreſented by the belly & thighs of Braſſe, *Dan.* 2. 32. Which is the third Beaſt like unto a Leopard that had upon his backe foure wings, which ſignified great ſwiftneſſe, to ſpoyle and deſtroy, *Dan.* 7. 6.

The time of his end drawing nigh, being ſicke in bed, and knowing that he ſhould dye; Then he called all his ſervants the moſt honorable, that had been brought up with him from his youth, and parted his kingdome unto them while he was living. And *Alexander* reigned twelve yeares, and then dyed, and his ſervants enjoyed the kingdome every one in his place, and were crowned after his death, and their ſonnes after them for many yeares; and troubles were then increaſed upon the earth. 1 *Machabees*, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. to 10. The ſaid *Alexander* poſſeſſed himſelfe in his life time of all the Monarchy Kingdome of the *Perſians* and *Meads*, according to that Prophecie of *Daniel*, 8. *Chap.* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. And thus ended the Greeke Monarchy.

In the yeare of the Creation of the world 3903. and of the foundation of the Citie of *Rome* 691. and ſixty yeares before the

ſic nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, neare about which time *Auguſtus* the Emperour was borne, and *Marcus Tullius Cicero* was Conſull, then the Romaine Monarchy, which is the fourth, according to the Propheſie of *Daniel* in his declaration of King *Nebuchodonoſors* Dreame, 2 *Dan.* 7. to wit, is the great Statue and Image in the 2 *Dan.* and of foure Beaſts in the 7. chap. The Image in the viſion was compoſed of foure Materialls, to wit, the head of pure fine gold; the breaſt and armes of ſilver, the belly and thighs of Braſſe (which is paſt) in like manner the three divers Beaſts, that is, Lyon, Beare, and Leopard; the which have been the three firſt Monarchies, as thoſe of of *Aſſyria*, *Perſia*, and *Greece*.

4. Now followeth the fourth Beaſt, dreadfull and terrible, and very ſtrong, puts himſelfe forward in ſight, which is to ſay, the kingdome and Monarchy of the *Romans*; ſhee had great Iron teeth, and did eate, ſpoyle, and deſtroy, and tread underfoot the reſt. This is the fourth Beaſt, which is the fourth Monarchy upon the Univerſe, ſtronger then all the kingdomes; ſhee ſhall devoure and trample upon the Earth, and bruiſe and overcome. The which began and was done by *Pompius Magnus*, with his Iron teeth, and nayles, and claws of braſſe, dreadfully and terribly; for he obtained three triumphant victories in three ſeverall places and parts of the world; the which no King of the *Romans*, nor Dictator or Conſull ever did before him, for he diſcomfited the mighty King *Mithridate*, that Ruled over two and twenty Kingdomes, Nations, and tongues; and tooke all his Kingdomes and Provinces from him, and ſubjected them to the *Romans*. Likewiſe the ſaid *Pompius* forced King *Tigranes* to caſt his crowne downe at his feete; hee tooke from him *Syria* and *Phenice*; he vanquiſhed the two mighty Kings of *Dalbanie* and *Dibere*, Reducing them under the power of the *Romans*: he brought into ſubjection the mighty Kingdomes, Provinces, and Land of *Armenia*, *Paphlagonia*, *Iturios*, and thoſe of *Arabia*. In the yeare 691. of the foundation of *Rome*, hee tooke all *Judea*, and the Citie of *Jeruſalem*; he brake downe the walls thereof, and ſlew 22000. *Jewes*, as *Joſephus* recites; that he went into the moſt holieſt place, before which no man ever entred, neither could; except it was the high Prieſt once a yeare;

yeare; where he ſaw that that no man ever ſaw before in... *Ariſtobulus*, then King of the *Jewes*, was taken priſoner, and carried to *Rome*; he eſtabliſhed *Hircanus*, High Prieſt, conditionally that he ſhould not weare the Royall Crowne, as *Joſephus* in 20. Booke Chap. 18. And about this time *Joſephus* in his fourth Booke of *Antiquities*, writes, that the *Jewes* loſt their liberties, and were brought in ſubjection, and made Tributaries to the Emperour, and *Roman* people, giving them yearely ten thouſand tallents of Gold.

Moreover, he brought not onely into ſubjection *Jeruſalem*, and all *Judea*, *Paleſtine*, and *Syria*, but alſo *Cappadocia*, *Meſopotamia*, *Cilicia*, *Mede* and *Perſia*, *Cholcos* and *Pontum*; hee marched throughout all *Aſia*, and became Maſter of all the Eaſt; The *Parthians* deſired amity, and were in league with the *Romans*; hee overcame alſo the *Indians*: In ſhort, he became Lord and Governour of the whole Earth; having overcome 22. Kings, and took 900. great and mighty rich Cities, and above a 1000. Caſtles and Forts; hee became Maſter of the Sea, and defeated above 800. Ships, and cleared the Sea of theeves and Pirates; as you may ſee in *Naucleys Gen. 62. Booke*. The fourth Beaſt then without forme was very terrible and dreadfull, and exceeding ſtrong; as hath been mentioned before, *Dan.* 7. 7. And this Monarchy is repreſented unto us by the legs of Iron, and the feet, part of iron, and part of clay, *Dan.* 2. 33. This is the fourth Beaſt without forme, and is the fourth Monarchy & Roman Empire unto this preſent day; So that theſe foure aforeſaid great Beaſts differing one from another, figure out foure great Empires differing, which ſhould rule in the world; they are foure Kings and Monarchs that ſhall ariſe out of the Earth, *Dan.* 7. 17. The fourth Beaſt ſhall be the fourth Kingdome upon Earth, which ſhall differ from all Kingdomes, and ſhall devoure the whole Earth, and ſhall tread it downe, and breake it in pieces, *Dan.* 7. 23. So then the Kings, Beaſts, Monarchies ſucceeding one after another, and overcoming one another, as hath before been ſhewed. May it pleaſe your Illuſtrious Excellency and Greatneſſe, to reade with patience theſe Chapters following; *Jer.* 21. 25. 27. 32. 38. 39. & 45. *Dan.* 2. 37, 38. *Dan.* 4. 18. & 19. *Dan.* 5. 18. *Iſai.* 45. 1, 2, 3. You ſhall finde

finde there that it hath pleaſed the good God, to put in ſubjection all Kings, Princes, peoples and Nations, that are upon the face of the whole earth, under the power of the aforeſaid foure Kings and Monarchs, upon paine to thoſe that reſiſt to be exterminated by plague, warre, and famine; But thoſe that obey the Ordinance of God, and the higher power ſhall be bleſſed, and their lives ſhall be prolonged.

Now the Great and Almighty good and wiſe God, hath given his onely and well-beloved Sonne Jeſus Chriſt, all power in heaven and earth, *Matth.* 28. 18. *John* 17. 2. *Heb.* 2. 8. *Dan.* 7. 14. *Pſal.* 2. 8. & 110. This Jeſus Chriſt our Soveraigne Lord, would that all perſons in the univerſall world, ſhould be ſubject to the higher Power; *viz.* the Emperour his Vicar and Lievtenant upon Earth in Civill and Politique matters, not onely for wrath, but for Conſcience ſake, in that which is not againſt God, *Rom.* 13. 1. 5. And that they ſhould *give tribute to whom it is due*, as the Apoſtle teacheth us, ſaying; *Put them in minde to be ſubject to principalities and prwers, to obey Magiſtrates, to be ready to every good worke*, Titus 3. 1. *Submit your ſelves to every Ordinance of man for the Lords ſake*, 1 Pet. 2. 13. Now the better to underſtand this word, *the higher Power*, we ſhall finde it in *Luke* 2. 1. where we finde that all the world was ſubject to *Cæſar Auguſtus*, and ſo conſequently every ſoule living upon the face of the earth, ought to be ſubject to the Emperour, and to his ſucceſſors; and to pay him Tribute, as Jeſus Chriſt commands us, ſaying; *Render therefore to Cæſar the things that are Cæſars, and to God the things that are Gods*, Matth. 22. 21. & 17. 24, 25, 26, 27. Marke 12. 16, 17. Acts 15. 37. But the vulgar and common people ſay, That the Emperour by the command of the Pope, and his Infernall frogges the Jeſuits and falſe Prophets perſecute religions, and would force the Conſciences. Therefore the Kings, Princes, people and Nations, ſubordinate, reſiſt him with Swords, Muſquets, Pikes, and Piſtolls, Ordnances, and other warlike Inſtruments; to maintaine the Liberty of the Goſpel, and of their Conſciences. Now I ſhall Anſwer to both theſe. If *Cæſar* doe perſecute the profeſſors of the Goſpel, or Religions; hee doth exceeding ill in it, and againſt the Commandement of God, and of Chriſt, when he ſaith;

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The kingdome of Heaven is likened to a man which ſowed good ſeed in his field: But while men ſlept, his enemy came and ſowed tares among the wheat, and went his way: But when the blade was ſprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares alſo: So the ſervants of the houſholder came and ſaid unto him; Sir, Diddeſt not thou ſow good ſeed in thy field; from whence then hath it tares? He ſaid unto them, an enemy hath done this: The ſervants ſaid unto him, wilt thou then that wee goe and gather them up: But he ſaid nay; leaſt while yee gather up the tares, yee root up alſo the wheat with them; let both grow together untill the harveſt, and in the time of harveſt I will ſay to the reapers, Gather yee together firſt the tares, and binde them in bundles to burne them: but gather the wheat into my barne. And his Diſciples came unto him, ſaying; Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field; he anſwered and ſaid unto them; He that ſoweth the good ſeede is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good ſeede are the children of the Kingdome; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that ſowed them is the Devill; the harveſt is the end of the world; and the reapers are the Angells; And therefore, the tares are gathered and burnt in the fire; ſo ſhall it be in the end of the world: The Son of Man ſhall ſend forth his Angells, and they ſhall gather out of his kingdome all things that offend; and them which doe iniquitie; and he ſhall caſt them into a furnace of fire, there ſhall be wailing and gnaſhing of teeth, Matth. 13. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42. Revel. 14. 15, 16. Joel 3. 2, 3.

This Son of Man is Jeſus Chriſt, that hath ſowne the good ſeed, which is the holy Word and Doctrine of God contained in the old and new Teſtament, in the hearts of his Elect, ſprinkling them with the oyle of grace and unction of his holy Spirit, bearing forth fruit well-pleaſing unto God. The tares are the falſe Traditions, Gloſſes, Expoſitions, Determinations, Reſults, and Decrees of Synods, and Claſſes, and Wreſtings of the Word of God, and of Chriſt, that the Devill ſowes by his Miniſters, (who transforme themſelves into Angells of light) in the hearts of the Children of this world, who are divided into ſeverall Companies and Sects.

Now it doth not belong to the Emperour, nor to the Pope, nor to any man in the world, to predominate, maſter, rule, or command

command over the Conſciences of men, or to perſecute, grieve, or moleſt any of thoſe that will not adhere to their religions. But to Jeſus Chriſt onely, the alone ſoveraigne Judge, Maſter and Lord of the Conſciences and bodies of men, as hath been ſhewed in the Text aforeſaid. And alſo he reproves *Saul*, ſaying; *Saul, Saul, why perſecuteſt thou mee? And he ſaid, Who art thou Lord? And the Lord ſaid, I am Jeſus, whom thou perſecuteſt; It is hard for thee to kick againſt the prickes*, Acts 9. 4, 5. & 22. 7, 8. Now *Saul* did not perſecute the perſon of Chriſt bodily, which was not upon earth, but in heaven, *Acts* 3. 21. *Heb.* 8. 4. But he perſecuted Chriſt in his members, believers, and brethren, who were obedient to his holy Commandements and Ordinances. By this wee ſee that *Cæſar*, nor any in Authority under him, the Kings and Princes, and other inferiour Magiſtrates, ought not to Lord it over the Conſciences of men, much leſſe baniſh or drive them out, perſecute or hate them for matter of Conſcience in Religion whatſoever it be, (much leſſe confiſcate their Eſtates, as hath been practiſed in all places heretofore, and is practiſed to this day.) But wee ought to leave it to the Judgement of God, and of Chriſt, as hath before been ſhewed; And follow that good Counſell of the Apoſtle; *Now I beſeech you Brethren, marke them which cauſe diviſions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which yee have learned, and avoyd them; for they that are ſuch, ſerve not our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, but their owne bellies, and by good words and faire ſpeeches, deceive the hearts of the ſimple*, *Rom.* 16. 17, 18. 1 *Epiſt. John* 10. *Which live ſcandalous lives*, 1 Cor. 5. 11. 2 *Theſ.* 3. 14. Deut. 3. 6, 7, 8. & 33. 9. Matth. 5. 30. Mark. 9. 43. Matth. 18. 8. Titus 1. 11. Jer. 16. 8. Dan. 1. 8. Titus 1. 10. Zach. 13. 3. Mich. 7. 6. Matth. 19. 29, 30. Luke 14. 26.

Wee then plainly ſee how that Chriſt commands expreſly, to *let the wheat and the tares grow together untill the harveſt*; that is to ſay, the day of Judgement. The Emperour, and thoſe which are ſubordiate; the Kings, Princes, Governours, Magiſtrates of Townes, and Cities, and Common-wealths; ought to obey the words and commands of Jeſus Chriſt; But becauſe that *Cæſar* hath reſiſted (and divers others) God hath raiſed up parties againſt him and them, as he did to *Solomon* and to his Son

Rehoboam; 1 Kings 11. 11. 14. 23. 26. 31. & 12. verſ. 16, 17. who was ſtricken with plague, warre, and famine, and exceedingly vext with his Subjects, who riſe in parties, and rebelled againſt him; becauſe hee went and did contrary to the Commandement of God; hee and the Pope, falſe Prophet, will take away the office of Chriſt the Soveraigne Judge of the Conſciences, and hinder the Saints from executing their offices. Chriſt preached the word of Salvation to all men, and conſtrained none to accept of it; but theſe his adverſaries, enemies and rebells, have been alſo ſmitten with divers plagues, nay greater then hee, becauſe they doe and act contrary to the holy Commandement of God, and of Chriſt. *You have heard, it hath been ſaid, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth; but I ſay unto you, that yee reſiſt not evill; for whoſoever ſhall ſtrike thee on the right cheeke, turne to him the other alſo: And he that will ſue thee at the Law for thy Coate, give him thy Cloake alſo. And whoſoever will conſtraine thee to goe with him one mile, goe with him twaine: give to him that asketh, and from him that would borrow of thee, turne not thou away. You have heard that it hath been ſaid, thou ſhalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemie; But I ſay unto you, Love your enemies; bleſſe them that curſe you; doe good to them that hate you, and perſecute you,* Matth. 5. 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44. Luke 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35. Rom. 12. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. 1 Cor. 6, 7, 8. 1 Pet. 3. 9. Pro. 17. 11. 20. Deut. 13. 8. Levit. 19. 18. Luke 23. 34. Acts 7. 60. The truth, Goſpel-Liberty of Conſcience, defend not themſelves by carnall weapons; as we are taught by the Apoſtle; Example; *For though wee walke in the fleſh, wee doe not warre after the fleſh; for the weapons of our warfare are not carnall, but mighty through God, to the pulling downe of ſtrong houlds, caſting downe Imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth it ſelfe againſt the knowledge of God, and bringing into Captivity every thought to the obedience of Chriſt*, 2 Cor. 10. 3, 4, 5. Epheſ. 6. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. 1 Pet. 1. 13. 1 Theſſ. 5. 8. Heb. 4. 12. Iſaiah 59. 17. Wiſ. 5. 18, 19, 20, 21. Therefore all Kings and Princes, and Common-wealths, ſubordinate, yea and all perſons whatſoever, that call themſelves Chriſtians, doe erre greatly, in taking carnall weapons to oppoſe the higher Powers, for to defend themſelves, and ſhake off the yoke, and their perſecution

ſecution for the Croſſe of Chriſt, and malicioufly gainſay that good and ſaving Counſell and Commands of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; when as he Commands us, ſaying; *And when they ſhall perſecute yau in one Citie, fly to another*, Matth. 10. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32. 37, 38, 39. *The ſervant is not greater then his Maſter; for if they have perſecuted mee, they will perſecute you alſo: if they have kept my ſayings, they will keepe yours alſo*, John 15. 20. Luke 6. 40. John 12. 16. *Whoſoever will come after mee, let him deny himſelfe, and take up his Croſſe, and follow mee; for whoſoever will ſave his life, ſhall looſe it; but whoſoever ſhall looſe his life for my ſake, and the Goſpels, the ſame ſhall ſave it; for what ſhall it profit a man if he ſhall gaine the whole world, and looſe his owne ſoule; or what ſhall a man give in Exchange of his ſoule; for whoſoever ſhall be aſhamed of mee, or of my words, in this adulterous and ſinfull generation, of him alſo ſhall the Son of man be aſhamed when he commeth in the glory of his Father with the holy Angells*, Marke 8. 34, 35, 36, 37, 38. Luke 12. 4. & 9. 23. & 14. 17. & 17. 33. Joh. 12. 25. Luk. 18. 8. Matth. 15. 44. & 6. 24. & 16. 25. Pro. 20. 22. Jer. 1. 17, 18, 19. (That is to ſay, for a mortall life, he ſhall receive an Immortall.) Now this Divine and ſaving Counſell is caſt away by the pretended Goſpellers, reformed Lutherans, and other Sects, as well by their preaching Miniſters, (not ſent by God) but of their hearers; They ſpeake and diſcourſe well of the Croſſe of Chriſt, but it is out of a meere formalitie; it is not in good earneſt, but they caſt it far away from them, becauſe they love the eaſe of this world, the fat of the Earth: Inheritances and riches they like well; tables well furniſhed, and banquets; Inſomuch, that they, and all their hearers, by the ſequell are thoſe that Jeſus Chriſt ſpeakes of; *And theſe are they by the way ſide, where the Word is ſowen; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was ſowne in their hearts: And theſe are they likewiſe which are ſowne in ſtony ground, who when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladneſſe, and have no root in themſelves, and ſo endure but for a time; Afterward when affliction or perſecution ariſeth for the Words ſake, immediately they are offended; And theſe are they which are ſowne amongſt thornes: ſuch as heare the Word, and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulneſſe of riches,*

and the luſt of other things entring in, choake the Word, and it becometh unfruitfull, Mark. 4. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Revel. 12. 4. 1 *Tim.* 6. 17. Luk. 16. 9. & 12. 15. & 33. Matth. 6. 19, 20. Prov. 23. 4. & 30. 9. Deut. 8. 12. Jer. 17. 11. Pro. 20. 21. & 28. 20. James 5. 1. Heb. 5. 5. Wherefore wee muſt not reſt in the Explications, Gloſſes, Admonitions, Exhortations, and prayers of parents, Apoſtles, and Miniſters, pretended Goſpellers, as well Lutherans, as any other Reformed; for when their Armies are marching into the field, they faſt and pray that God would bleſſe their Enterpriſes, Counſells, and Armies, both by Sea and Land, and give courage, and valiantneſſe, and ſtrength to the Generalls, Captaines, and Souldiers, that they may be victorious over their enemies, and ſpread, eſtabliſh, and make firme the Church of Chriſt. And by theſe meanes, advance and enlarge the Courts of his Goſpel, the Liberty of Conſcience; and contrarily, that God would confound, exterminate, and ruine all their enemies, and to bring to naught all their Imaginations, Counſells, and Enterpriſes. Is this to follow the holy and ſaving Commandements of God, as aforeſaid? Mercenaries, Baſtard-Chriſtians, hypocrites, that abuſe the poore people, the Kings, Princes, and Magiſtrates of Townes and Cities, by your babling and faire pretences, who preach the word of God contrarily. According to the wiſdome of this world, which yee have learned in the Academies, and Univerſities; the which wiſdome is folly before God, and his Angels, 1 *Cor.* 1. 18, 19, 20, 21. and doe not ſpeake according to the wiſdome and pure verity of God, and of Chriſt: the which divine wiſdome is fooliſhneſſe in the world. And therefore it is not in vaine that Jeſus Chriſt ſaith; *Is it poſſible that the blind ſhould lead the blind, will they not both fall into the ditch?* Luke 6. 39. Matth. 15. 14. Iſa. 42. 18, 19, 20. & 56. 10, 11. Jer. 5. 31. & 6. 13. & 8. 10. *Wiſdome of Solomon*, 2 Chap. 6.

Your Illuſtrious Excellency, hath ſeene, as is afore written, the order of Kings and Monarchs, eſtabliſhed by the Lord; The obedience and duty they owe unto Chriſt, and alſo the obedience and duty that all perſons in the univerſall world owe unto *Cæſar* (or the higher Powers whatſoever they be) and the puniſhment to the oppoſers and rebellious; alſo the

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praiſe and bleſſing to the obedient and faithfull. Now follows how this fourth Roman Monarchy is divided into eight heads and differing orders of Government. Then the totall ruine and extirpation thereof by Jeſus Chriſt, and conſequently the fift and perpetuall Monarchy of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. And of all the houſe of *Iſrael* converted unto him, for the ſpace of one age, *viz.* a thouſand yeares upon this Earth, and conſequently, in eternity. And all this ſhall be proved out of the word of God, and ſome credible Hiſtographers; as followeth.

The Text.

And here is the minde which hath wiſdome. The ſeven heads are ſeven mountains, on which the woman ſitteth. And there are ſeven kings, five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come, and when he commeth, he muſt continue a ſhort ſpace. And the beaſt that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the ſeven, and goeth into perdition. Revel. 17. 9, 10, 11. 2 Theſſ. 2. 3.

AND firſt of all, as to the ſeven Mountaines, upon the which *Rome* was, and is ſcituated. The names whereof are theſe; *Capitolin, Aventin, Palatin, Cælius, Exquilin, Viminall* and *Quirinall*; Now follow the Kings, and Founders of *Rome*; that is to ſay;

1. *Romulus*, the firſt Founder and King of *Rome*, hee began to reigne in the yeare of the Creation of the world 3213. and in the third yeare after the foundation thereof, hee having governed by great tyranny the ſpace of 37. or 38. yeares, was maſſacred by ſome of the Senators and Burgeſſes of *Rome*. And after him came

2. *Numa Pompilius*, who reigned 43. yeares, being 80. yeares old; and dyed of a lingering diſeaſe. After him came

3. *Tullius Hoſtilius*, after he had reigned according to ſome 21. and according to others 32. yeares; hee dyed. And after him came

4. *Ancus Martius*; hee reigned 23. and as others write 24. yeares;

yeares; hee dyed peaceably of a natuall death. And after him ſucceeded

5. *Lucius Priſcus Tarquinius*, Son of a rich Marchant, called *Demoratus* of *Aſia*; hee reigned 37. ſome ſay 38. yeares; and was maſſacred by Treachery. After him ſucceeded

6. *Servius Tullius*; hee reigned 34. and as others write 44. yeares; hee was maſſacred by his owne Daughter. After him ſucceeded

7. *Lucius Tarquinius Superbus*; and after he had reigned 25. and as others write 35. yeares; hee and all his poſterity were baniſhed from *Rome*; So that you may ſee that by him the Royall Government was ended for that time. Now the ſeven aforeſaid Kings of *Rome*, are reckoned by the Angel in the *Revelation* to Saint *John*, but for one head: Or likewiſe by theſe ſame ſeven Mountaines, the holy Scripture gives us to underſtand ſeven different ſucceſſive Governments, who have had the Soveraignty in the City and Land of *Rome*; which were the aforeſaid ſeven Kings; the which ſucceeded one another.

2. The Senatours or *Senatores*, being called *Patres*, being a hundred in Number; *& Patres Conſcripti Aſſeſſores*; Aſſeſſors and Senators: *Senatus conſultum*, and *Proconſull*: Theſe gave the Decrees and Reſults of what was Concluded in the Senate and Councell.

3. And afterwards the Romain people Elected other Rulers into the Government, *viz.* The *Tribuni militum*, *Tribuns Militares*, *Tribuni Plebis*, *Tribuni Erarii*, *Ediles Curules*, and *Ediles Cereales*: Every one of theſe governed according to his place and charge the Kingdome: Some over the *Militia*, and Nobility; others over politique affaires; others over the Treaſuries, and Governours over the Revenues for the warre; Some over the Eccleſiaſticall affaires; and ſome over the Magaſins and ſtorehouſes of graines and proviſions.

And after the Romans eſtabliſhed another Government; *videlicet*:

4. *Magiſter Equitum*; who was the Great Marſhall, and Chiefe over the Nobility; and to him was joyned the *Decemvires*, or *Decemviri Conſulatores*: *Prætor*: as if one ſhou'd ſay, a Lord Maſter: *Prætor Urbanus*, who adminiſtred Juſtice over the Burgeſſes:

Burgeſſes: *Prætor Peregrinus*; hee had the managing of the affaires over Strangers: and with theſe there was one *Augur*, which was called a Divine; his office was to foretell, decide the meaning of the Singing of Birds, and of Thunder, Lightning, and of Flyes or Bees.

5. Then the *Romans* Elected others in their places; *viz.* A Dictator; Dictator or Chiefe Soveraigne; unto whom all ought to ſubmit, and be in ſubjection; and a Queſtor, the great Treaſurer; theſe had all Soveraignty and Power, as well in Criminall cauſes, as in other affaires of Government; and from their Judgement and Decrees, there was no appeale any where elſe.

6. *Sylla* and *Julius Cæſar*, were the laſt Dictators; but nevertheleſſe, the ſaid *Cajus Julius Cæſar*, made himſelfe abſolute Maſter and Soveraigne of the Kingdome and Empire of the *Romans*; and made himſelfe the firſt Romain Emperour in the yeare of the world, 3914. and after *Rome* was built 706. and before the birth of our Saviour, and Redeemer, and Lord Jeſus Chriſt, 47 yeares. Now this Expoſition is not invented of my own braine, but grounded upon the ſeventeenth Chap. of the *Revel.* 9. 10. where the Angel ſaith to Saint *John*; *The ſeven heads are ſeven Kings* (ſo that he there names all Soveraigne Power) then the five (different Governments, as aforeſaid) were fallen, with the ſeven preceding Kings, which are but five in Number; *Cajus Julius Cæſar*, and *Octavius Auguſtus* the ſecond Emperour; theſe two eſtabliſhed and ſetled the Monarchy of Emperours (after the fall of the five preceding) untill this preſent houre.

Now from the firſt Emperour, *Cajus Julius Cæſar*, untill this preſent Emperour, and thoſe that ſhall ſucceed him, are counted but for one head, and ſixth King, Emperour, and Monarch; of which fourth Monarchy, mention is made in the Prophet *Daniel*, as aforeſaid; *And the Angel ſaid to John*, Revel. 17. 10. *One is*, (which was the Emperour) *and the other is not yet come* (to wit, the ſeventh King, or Imperiall Government) *and when he ſhall come, he muſt continue a ſhort ſpace*; as the Angel ſignifies to *John*, after the ſixth King ſhall have finiſhed his courſe and time, and ſhall be paſſed away.

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7. Then the ſeventh head or King ſhall ſucceed, but ſhall not be the number of a man alone, but the number and collection of ſeven men, Princes, which are the ſeven Electors, or other Princes, the which ſhall unanimouſly governe together the Monarchy and Empire in Royall Authority, and after they ſhall have governed a ſhort ſpace, as it is ſaid in *Revel.* 17. 10.

8. Then one of the ſeven ſhall riſe, and ſhall make himſelfe King and Monarch, which ſhall be the eighth, and laſt King, and ſhall goe into perdition; as it is in the Text: and the Beaſt that was, and is not, he is the eighth King, and is of the ſeventh, and goeth into perdition, *Revel.* 17 11. *Daniel* 7. 24, 25, 26. Now this eighth King, aforeſaid, is this Beaſt, of which mention is made, *Dan.* 7. 11. 2 *Theſ.* 2. 3. *Revel.* 13. 2. and *Revel.* 19. And with him ſhall be the falſe Prophet, *Revel.* 17. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. & 19. 20. As to the falſe Prophet, whereof mention is made heretofore, and in other places, whence he ſhall come. You muſt underſtand, that in the 17. of the *Revel.* it is ſaid; *And the ten hornes which thou ſaweſt upon the Beaſt* (are ten Kings, *verſ.* 12.) *theſe ſhall hate the whore, and ſhall make her deſolate and naked, and ſhall eate her fleſh, and burne her with fire; for God hath put it into their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their Kingdome unto the Beaſt, untill the words of God ſhall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou ſaweſt, is that great Citie, which reigneth over the Kings of the Earth*, Revel. 17. 16, 17, 18. This Citie is the Citie of *Rome*, the Papall Seat, in the laſt Siege and deſtruction, and ruine of *Rome*. At that time, I ſay, the Pope that ſhall be then, ſhall ſave himſelfe ſecretly, and ſhall timely eſcape, and ſhall keepe himſelfe cloſe, and hide himſelfe amongſt men in ſome other place, carrying himſelfe as a private man; letting none know who he is, untill he ſhall perceive that which is ſaid. *And I ſaw a Beaſt riſe out of the Sea* (of the number of thoſe aforeſaid ſeven Powers, and regents of the Romane Monarchy, over Countryes, Lands, Tongues, People, and Nations, which ſignifie a Sea) *that had ſeven heads and ten hornes, and upon his hornes ten Crownes, and upon his heads the names of blaſphemies. And the Beaſt which I ſaw was like unto a Leopard, and his feete were as the feete of a Beare, and his mouth as the mouth*

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of a Lyon; and the Dragon gave him his power, and his ſeat, and his authoritie, Revel. 13. 1, 2. This aforeſaid Pope (the laſt forerunner of the great and laſt Antichriſt) being hidden in the Earth (that is to ſay) amongſt the vulgar and common people; hearing and perceiving the coming, elevation, and ſplendid domination of this ſaid Beaſt: Then he ſhall come out of the Earth, from whence he lay hid, and ſhall evidently appeare, and ſhall make himſelfe knowne; and ſhall joyne himſelfe as a curſed Inſtrument, and helpe to the Beaſt; as you may ſee, *Revel.* 13. 11, 12, 13, 14. This falſe Prophet ſhall make an Image to the Beaſt (it ſhall be ſuch an one as wee reade of in *Dan.* 3. 5, 6, 7. and 23.) *And he had power to give life unto the Image of the Beaſt, that the Image of the Beaſt ſhould both ſpeake and cauſe that as many as would not worſhip the Image of the Beaſt ſhould be killed,* Revel. 13. 15. Dan. 2. & 3. Chap. verſ. 5, 6, 7. & 2, 3. God ſhall raiſe up two of his Witneſſes, Prophets, *who ſhall Propheſie* 1260. *dayes, cloathed in Sackcloth; theſe are the two Olive Trees, and the two Candleſtickes ſtanding before the God of the Earth, Revel.* 11. 3, 4. Theſe two Witneſſes ſhall be two living men, of fleſh and bloud, and not two Bookes, to wit, the Old and New Teſtament cloathed with Sackcloth. The Expoſitions, Allegories, and Diſputes of the Ancient Fathers; for to preach to the world the doctrine of faith and repentance 1260. yeares, which are the Expoſitions of falſe Miniſters, as well ancient as moderne Dreamers. But let us well conſider in reading from the 3 verſe to the 13. Whence wee ſee and underſtand that the holy Spirit ſpeakes of two men, not of any more men but of them two perſons; as wee may reade in *Zachary* in the fourth Chapter, verſ. 14. It is there ſaid; *Theſe are the two anoynted ones, that ſtand by the Lord of the whole earth*: Theſe 1260. dayes, counting thirty dayes to a moneth, make juſt 42 moneths, which are three yeares and a halfe; it cannot be, nor it ought not to be underſtood other wayes, unleſſe you will wreſt the Word of God; the which muſt not be done. *verſ.* 5. *And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: And if any man will hurt them, he muſt in this manner be killed.* verſ. 6. *Theſe have power to ſhut heaven, that it rain not in the dayes of their Prophecie: And have power over the waters to turne*

them into bloud; and to ſmite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. 7. verſ. *And when they ſhall have finiſhed their teſtimony, the Beaſt that aſcendeth out of the bottomleſſe pit, ſhall make warre againſt them, and overcome them, and kill them.* verſ. 8. *And their dead bodies ſhall lie in the ſtreet of the great Citie, which ſpiritually is called Sodome, and Egypt, where alſo our Lord was Crucified.* verſ. 9. *And they of all the people, kindreds, and Tongues, and Nations, ſhall ſee their dead bodies three dayes and a halfe, and ſhall not ſuffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.* verſ. 10. *And they that dwell upon the earth, ſhall rejoyce over them, and make merry, and ſhall ſend gifts one to another: becauſe theſe two Prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth.* verſ. 11. *And after three dayes and a halfe, the Spirit of life from God, ſhall enter into them, and they ſtood upon their feet, and great feare fell upon them which ſaw them.* verſ. 12. *And they heard a voyce from heaven, ſaying unto them, Come up hither. And they aſcended up to heaven in a Cloud, and their enemies beheld them.* And afterwards followeth that which is ſaid in *Rom.* 11. 26, 27. *Iſai.* 10. 21, 22. *Rom.* 9. 27. *Iſai.* 51. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. 21. 22, 23. & 49. 3. & 9. 20, 21. & 5. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. *Rom.* 15. 21. *Jer.* 31. 32, 33, 34. *Heb.* 8. 8. & 10. 16. *Luke* 21. 24. *Pſal.* 14. 7. & 5. 3. *Gal.* 4. 27. *Iſai.* 54. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. The Calling, Converſion, and Salvation of the *Jewes*, of, and by Jeſus Chriſt, and of all the houſe of *Iſrael*, when the fullneſſe of the Gentiles ſhall be come in; that is to ſay, the number of the Gentiles that God hath ordained to Salvation, being full, all the *Jewes* being converted to the Lord Jeſus, is the Judaicall Chriſtian Church (and true Spouſe of Chriſt) being prefigured and repreſented by a woman great with childe: reade *Revel.* 12. the whole Chapter; *And ſhee being with childe cryed travailing in birth and pained to be delivered:* which is that which Saint *Paul* ſaith; *That if thou ſhalt confeſſe with thy mouth the Lord Jeſus, and ſhalt believe in thy heart, that God hath raiſed him from the dead, thou ſhalt be ſaved; for with the heart man beleeveth unto righteouſneſſe, and with the mouth confeſſion is made to ſalvation,* Rom. 10. 9, 10. And in another place; *Whoſoever believes in him ſhall not be confounded,* Iſaiah 28. 16. *For whoſoever ſhall call upon the name of the Lord ſhall be ſaved,* Rom. 10. 13. Joel 2. 32. Acts 2. 21. For the Lord perfects

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our Salvation by making that to proceed out of our mouths, which he hath imprinted by his holy Spirit in our hearts. *Revel.* 12. 2. *And the woman being with childe cryed travailing in birth and pained to be delivered*; juſt ſo; *Saul*, ſurnamed *Paul*, went into *Damaſcus* to perſecute the Church, *Acts* 9. But the Lord Jeſus circumciſed his heart by the way, ſaying unto him; *I am Jeſus, whom thou perſecuteſt*; *It is hard for thee to kicke againſt the prickes*, verſ. 16. *I will ſhew him how great things he muſt ſuffer for my Names ſake*; Juſt ſo ought the *Jewes* to underſtand that after they ſhall be converted to the Lord, that they muſt endure and ſuffer perſecution for the Name of the Lord. But God ſhall give unto her two wings of a great Eagle, that ſhe might fly before the Serpent (which perſecuted her) into her place, where ſhee is nouriſhed for a time (which is one yeare) and times (which are two yeares) and halfe a time (which is halfe a yeare) *Revel.* 12. 14. Altogether being three yeares and a halfe. In the meane time, the aforeſaid falſe Prophet ſhall teach devilliſh doctrine, by which the Kingdome of the firſt Beaſt, which is the eight King, the laſt and great Antichriſt ſhall be maintained; as the Apoſtle *Paul* ſaith; 2 *Theſ.* 2. 9. *That the comming of the Man of Sin, is after the working of Satan, with all power*; *and cauſeth all both ſmall and great, rich and poore, free and bond, to receive a marke in their right hand, or in their foreheads*, verſ. 17. *And that no man might buy or ſell, ſave he that had the marke, or the name of the Beaſt, or the number of his name.* So that then the Government of this eight King ſhall be very horrible, cruell, dreadfull; he ſhall be a Devill incarnate.

And the woman fled into the Wilderneſſe, where ſhee hath a place prepared of God, that they ſhould feed her there a thouſand two hundred and threeſcore dayes, Revel. 12. 6. Theſe 1260. dayes, are juſt three yeares and a halfe, as before is ſhewed, counting 30. dayes to a moneth. Then that which followeth: *And there was warre in heaven, Michael and his Angels fought againſt the Dragon, and the Dragon fought and his Angels, and prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great Dragon was caſt out, that old Serpent, called the Devill and Satan, which deceived the whole world; he was caſt into the earth, and his Angels were caſt out with him. And I heard a loud voyce; ſaying in heaven, now is come*

Salvation, and ſtrength, and the kingdome of our God, and the power of his Chriſt; for the Accuſer of our brethren is caſt downe, which accuſed them before our God day and night: And they overcame him by the bloud of the Lamb, and by the word of their teſtimony; and they loved not their lives unto death. Therefore rejoyce yee heavens, and yee that dwell in them: Wo to the Inhabitants of the earth, and of the Sea; for the Devill is come downe unto you in great wrath, becauſe he knoweth he hath but a ſhort time: And when the Dragon ſaw that he was caſt unto the earth, he perſecuted the woman which brought forth the man-childe. And the Serpent caſt out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman: that he might cauſe her to be carried away of the flood: And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and ſwallowed up the flood which the Dragon caſt out of his mouth: And then the Dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make warre with the remnant of her ſeede, which keepe the Commandements of God, and have the teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt, Revel. 12. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. Epheſ. 6. 12. & 2. 2. Matth. 24. 21, 22. Luke 21. 34, 35. 2 Theſſ. 2. 3, 4. Joh. 12. 31. laſt Eſdras 15. 14. Satan not being able to deſtroy the head Chriſt, nor his deare and well-beloved Spouſe, throwes forth his rage againſt the members and faithfull Witneſſes of Jeſus Chriſt.

The Dragon or Devill giveth his power and ſeat, and great ſtrength to the Beaſt, and to his falſe Prophet, over all kindreds, Tongues, and Nations, that are upon the face of the univerſall earth; *And it was given to him to make warre with the Saints, and overcome them,* Revel. 13. 2. 7. Dan. 7. 21. Then there ſhall be ſuch and ſo great tribulation and perſecution to the children of God, as Jeſus Chriſt hath foretold us; ſaying, *For then ſhall be great tribulation, ſuch as was not ſince the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever ſhall be; And except thoſe dayes ſhould be ſhortned, there ſhould no fleſh be ſaved: but for the Elects ſake thoſe dayes ſhall be ſhortned,* Matth. 24. 21, 22. Dan. 12. 1. Revel. 12. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. By this ſhortning of dayes, or of time, is to be underſtood three yeares and a halfe, as aforeſaid, of great perſecution; and then when ſin ſhall be at the height, a generall falling away ſhall be manifeſted; as the Apoſtle *Paul,* 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 3. For all the Kingdomes, Principalities, Commonwealths,

wealths, ancient and moderne, pretended Soveraignties, Cities, Peoples, Tongues, and Nations, upon the face of the universall earth, ſhall adore the Devill, governing by the Beaſt and his Image, (*Dan.* 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.) To their perpetuall damnation, except thoſe whoſe names *are written in the Booke of life of the Lambe ſlaine from the foundation of the world*; *If any man hath an eare to heare, let him heare*, Revel. 13. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18. Dan. 1. 21. Epiſt. Jude 9. *And there was given unto him*, (*viz.* the Beaſt) *a mouth, ſpeaking great things and blaſphemies, and power was given to him to continue* 42. *Moneths*, Revel. 13. 5. & 11. 2. & 12. 6. 14. which make juſt three yeares and a halfe, as before-ſaid. So that this ſame eight King, with the falſe Prophet, ſhall reigne but three yeares and a halfe; and when this time ſhall be expired, then this great and horrible perſecution ſhall be ended; for the good God ſhall wipe all teares from the eyes of his children, who have remained conſtant in the truth of God, and have not ſerved nor worſhipped the Devill, in the perſon of the Beaſt, and of his Image. A faithfull Advertiſement of the puniſhment of thoſe that ſhall worſhip the Beaſt, and his Image, and ſhall take the mark in their foreheads, or in their hands, they ſhall drinke wine of the wrath of God, yea pure wine, powred out of the cup of his anger; And ſhall be tormented with fire and brimſtone before the Saints and Angels, and before the Lambe; and the ſmoake of their torment ſhall goe up for ever; and thoſe that worſhip the Beaſt, and his Image; And if any ſhall take of the name of them, he ſhall have no reſt day nor night; here is the patience of the Saints; theſe be they that keepe the Commandements of God, and the faith of Jeſus, *Revel.* 14. 9, 10, 11, 12. & 19. 3. And *John* ſaith; *Bleſſed are they that are called to the Marriage-Supper of the Lamb*; *And he ſaith unto mee, theſe are the true ſayings of God*, Revel. 19. 9. Matth. 22. 2. Luke 24. 16. Eſd. 2. 38. For our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, our onely Meſſias, ſhall come with his Celeſtiall Army from heaven, here below upon Earth. Behold the Text for it; *And I ſaw heaven opened, and behold a white horſe, and he that ſat upon him, was called faithfull and true*; *and in righteouſneſſe he doth judge and make war*; *his eyes were as a flame of fire*; *And on his head were many Crowns*,

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and he had a name written that no man knew but he himſelfe; and he was cloathed in a veſture dipt in bloud; and his name is called, The Word of God; And the Armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horſes, cloathed in fine linnen, white and cleane; And out of his mouth goeth a ſharpe ſword, that with it he ſhould ſmite the Nations, and he ſhould rule them with a rod of iron: And he treadeth the wine-preſſe of the fiercenesſe and wrath of Almighty God; and he hath on his veſture, and on his thigh, a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Revel. 19. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. *And I ſaw the Beaſt, and the Kings of the Earth, and their Armies gathered together, to make warre againſt him that ſate on the white horſe, and againſt his Army,* verſ. 19. Pſal. 2. 2. Ezech. 38. & 39. Chapters, 4 Eſd. 13. 5. *And I ſaw an Angel ſtanding in the Sun, and he cryed with a lowd voyce, ſaying to all the fowles that fly in the middeſt of heaven, Come and gather your ſelves together, unto the Supper of the great God, that yee may eate the fleſh of Kings, and the fleſh of Captaines, and the fleſh of mighty men, and the fleſh of horſes, and the fleſh of them that ſit on them, and the fleſh of all, both free and bond, both ſmall and great,* verſ. 17, 18. *And the Beaſt was taken, and with him the falſe Prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them, that had received the marke of the Beaſt, and them that worſhipped his Image. Theſe both were caſt alive into a Lake, of fire burning with brimſtone: And the remnant were ſlaine with the ſword of him that ſate upon the horſe; which ſword proceeded out of his mouth; and all the fowles were filled with their fleſh,* verſ. 20, 21. Pſal. 110. 5, 6. & 97. 1, 2, 3. & 2. 9, 10, 11, 12. & 11. 6. Iſaiah 27. 1. 4. Pſal. 149. 6, 7, 8, 9. Iſai. 11. 4. & 66. 16. Dan. 7. 11. 2 Theſ. 2. 8. Hoſea 6. 5. Matth. 12. 29. Pſal. 18. 12. Revel. 17. 14. And after this Expedition ſhall be that which *John* ſaith; *And I ſaw an Angel come downe from heaven, having the key of the bottomleſſe pit, and a great chaine in his hand: And he laid hould on that Dragon the old Serpent, which is the Devill and Satan, and bound him a thouſand yeares, and caſt him into the bottomleſſe Pit, and ſhut him up, and ſet a ſeale upon him, that he ſhould deceive the Nations no more, till the thouſand yeares ſhould be fulfilled, and after that he muſt be looſed a little ſeaſon,* Revel. 20. 1, 2, 3. Matth. 12. 29. In that time ſhall be accompliſhed that which is ſaid in the 14 of *Iſaiah,* verſ. 7. *All the earth ſhall reſt, and be at quiet, and ſhall leape*

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for joy. Compare this with *Psal.* 72. & 85. *And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and there shall be abundance of peace,* Isaiah 54. 13. Jer. 31. 34. Joh. 12. 45. Rom. 5. 10. 1 Joh. 2. 1, 2, 3. *And I saw Thrones, and they that sate upon them, and Judgement was given unto them: And I saw the Soules of them that were beheaded for the witnesse of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the Beast, neither his Image, neither had received his marke upon their foreheads, or in their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand yeares. But the rest of the dead lived not againe, untill the thousand yeares were finished; this is the first Resurrection; blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first Resurrection, on such the second death hath no power; but they shall be Priests of God, and of Christ, and shall reigne with him a thousand yeares,* Revel. 20. 4, 5, 6. *Thou art worthy to take the Booke, and open the Seales thereof; for thou wast slaine, and hast redeemed us to God by thy bloud; out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and Nation; and hast made us unto our God, Kings and Priests, and wee shall reigne on the earth,* Revel. 5. 9, 10. *I saw in the night visions, and behold one like the Son of man came with the Clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of dayes* (that is God) *and they brought him neere before him* (that is Christ) *and there was given him dominion, and glory, and a Kingdome, that all people, Nations, and Languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not passe away: and his Kingdome that which shall not be destroyed,* Dan. 7. 13, 14. & 3. 33. & 2. 44, 45. Psal. 2. 6, 7, 8. Acts 13. 33. *And the Lord shall be King over all the Earth: In that day, shall there be one Lord, and his name one,* Zech. 14. 9. *He that putteth his trust in mee, shall possesse the Land, and shall inherit the holy Mountaine,* Isai. 57. 13. Matth. 5. 5. Psal. 37. 11, 12. 22. 29. 34. Psal. 22. 29. 30, 31, 32. & 72. & 85. *He shall be great* (*viz.* Jesus Christ) *and shall be called the Son of the Highest; And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reigne over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his Kingdome there shall be no end,* Luke 1. 31, 32, 33. Isai. 54. 5. Now the Royall Throne and Reigne of *David,* was not in heaven, nor spirituall, but upon the Earth, in *Judea* and *Jerusalem*; So likewise Jesus Christ shall sit upon the Throne of *David* his father, and shall reigne spiritually and temporally here below with his Elect, over all the universall Earth;

Earth; for God is faithfull in all his promiſes; And all thoſe that will not that Chriſt ſhall reigne here below upon the earth, ſhall be killed before the Lord, and ſhall periſh, becauſe of their malicious Incredulity; Then there ſhall be a long peace, to wit, a thouſand yeares upon the face of the univerſall earth, *Pſal.* 72. *&* 85. 11, 12, 13, 14. *And the earth ſhall be as the garden of Eden,* Ezek. 36. Pſal. 72. *There ſhall be no more thence an Infant of dayes, nor an old man that hath not filled his dayes; for the childe ſhall dye an hundred yeares old: but the ſinner being an hundred yeares old, ſhall be accurſed: and they ſhall build houſes, and inhabit them, and they ſhall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them; they ſhall not build, and another inhabit; they ſhall not plant, and another eate; for as the dayes of a tree, are the dayes of my people; and mine elect ſhall enjoy the worke of their hands,* Iſaiah 65. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. Matth. 5. 15. Pſal. 25. 13. *&* 111. 6. *&* 69. 36, 37. *The Townes and Cities of Judah and Jeruſalem ſhall be reedified, and ſhall be no more deſtroyed by the hands of men,* Ezek. 36. 10, 11. Jer. 31. 40. 1 Chron. 17. 9. Amos 9. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Matth. 10. 23. Then there ſhall be no more enmity between men, nor between men and beaſts, the ſavage and cruell devouring Beaſts, ſhall be timerous, and amiable. As it is written in *Iſaiah*; *The Wolfe ſhall dwell with the Lamb, and the Leopard ſhall lye downe with the Kid, and the Calfe and the young Lyon, and the fatling together; and a little childe ſhall leade them; And the Cow and the Beare ſhall feed their young ones, ſhall lye downe together; And the Lyon ſhall eat ſtraw like the Oxe; and the ſucking childe ſhall play on the hole of the Aſpe; and the weaned childe ſhall put his hand on the Cocatrice den; they ſhall not hurt nor deſtroy in all my holy Mountaine; for the earth ſhall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the Sea,* Iſaiah 11. 6, 7, 8, 9. *&* 65. 24. Hoſea 2. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. Levit. 26. 6. Job 5. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. Pſal. 91. 13. Compare theſe places cited with *Gen.* 2. 19, 20. *&* 6. 19, 20, 21, *&* 7. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. *&* 8. 17, 18, 19. *&* Dan. 3. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. *&* 6. 22. *Hab.* 2. 14. *Iſai.* 10. 23. *&* 43. 2.

And when the thouſand yeares are expired, Satan ſhall be looſed out of his priſon, and ſhall goe out to deceive the Nations, *which are in the foure Quarters of the earth; Gog and Magog to gather them together to Battell; the number of whom is as the ſand of the Sea; And they*

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went upon the breadth of the earth, and compaſſed the Campe of the Saints about, and the beloved Citie, and fire came downe from God out of heaven, and devoured them: And the Devill that deceived them was caſt into the Lake of fire and brimſtone, where the beaſt and the falſe Prophet are, and ſhall be tormented day and night for ever and ever, Revel. 20. 7, 8, 9, 10. Ezek. 38. & 39. Chap. *Iſaiah* 66. 15, 16, 24. *Pſal.* 11. 6. *Marke* 9. 44. Then followeth the laſt Judgement; the proofes are theſe.

And I ſaw a great white Throne, and him that ſate on it, from whoſe face the earth and the heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them: And I ſaw the dead, ſmall and great, ſtand before God, and the Bookes were opened; and another Booke was opened, which is the Booke of life, and the dead were judged out of thoſe things which were written in the Bookes, according to their workes; and death and hell were caſt into the lake of fire; this is the ſecond death; and whoſoever was not found written in the booke of life, was caſt into the lake of fire, Revel. 20. verſ. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Matth. 25. 47. Dan. 12. 2. Joh. 5. 25. Job 15. 15. Heb. 12. 22, 23. Philip 4. 3.

The Judgement being held, and expedited, it is ſaid; *And I ſaw a new heaven, and a new earth; for the firſt heaven and the firſt earth were paſſed away, and there was no more Sea: And I John ſaw the holy Citie, New Jeruſalem coming downe from heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; And I heard a great voyce out of heaven; ſaying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they ſhall be his people, and God himſelfe ſhall be with them, and be their God; And God ſhall wipe away all teares from their eyes; and there ſhall be no more death, neither ſorrowing and crying, neither ſhall there be any more paine; for the former things are paſſed away. And he that ſat upon the Throne, ſaid behould, I make all things new; and he ſaid unto mee, write; for theſe words are true and faithfull; And he ſaid unto mee, It is done; I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end; I will give unto him that is athirſt of the fountaine of the water of life freely; hee that overcometh ſhall inherit all things. And I will be his God, and he ſhall be my Son: But the fearefull, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and ſorcerers, and idolaters, and lyars, ſhall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimſtone,*

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which is the ſecond death. And there came unto mee one of the ſeven Angells, which had the ſeven Vialls full of the ſeven laſt plagues, and talked with mee, ſaying, Come hither; I will ſhew thee the Bride the Lambs wife; and he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high Mountaine, and ſhewed me that great Citie the holy Jeruſalem, deſcending out of heaven from God, having the Glory of God, and her light was like to a ſtone moſt precious, even like a Jaſper ſtone, cleare as Chriſtall, Revel. 21. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Iſai. 65. 16. 2 Pet. 3. 13. 2 Cor. 5. 17. Revel. 19. 7, 8. Pſal. 45. 10. 14, 15. Matth. 22. 2. Luke 14. 16. Revel. 4. 11. Jer. 30. 2. Rom. 11. 15. Matth. 15. 6. Gen. 17. 1. Eſdr. 25. 8. Revel. 7. 17. Iſai. 54. 11, 12. In the which holy Citie of *Jeruſalem*, ſhall inhabit the Saints, Patriarchs, and Prophets, Apoſtles, the holy Martyrs, and all the houſe of *Iſrael*, converted to the Lord Jeſus, which is the Lambs wife; but the reſt of the Elect ſhall dwell and inhabit for ever upon the new earth, and ſhall goe in and out by the gates of the new *Jeruſalem*, and the Lamb ſhall be the chiefe of them, and of us all; and the face of every Childe of God ſhall ſhine as the Sunne: reade *Iſaiah* 67. 22. *Heb.* 12. 22, 23. 28. & 13. 14. *Revel.* 3. 12. 21. *Gal.* 4. 26. *Luke* 20. 35, 36. *Matth.* 13. 43. *Wiſd.* 3. 7, 8. & 5. 1. *Dan.* 12. 3. 1 *Cor.* 15. 41, 42. *Luke* 12. 36. & 18. 30. *Matth.* 12. 18, 19, 20, 21. *Iſai.* 60. 21. *Matth.* 5. 5. 12. *Pſal.* 37. 29. *Iſai.* 61. 6. *Jer.* 33. 20, 21. *Iſai.* 65. 4. 1 *Joh* 3. 2. *Joh.* 1. 12. *Rom.* 8. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. *Gal.* 3. 26. *Gal.* 4. 6, 7. 2 *Cor.* 4. 17. *Acts* 5. 42. *Revel.* 1. 6. Wherefore thrice Illuſtrious Princeſſe, and benigne Lady, I doe advertiſe you, and earneſtly beſeech you (and all others that ſhall reade or heare this Booke) by the great and living God, that hath created the heaven and earth, the Sea, and all that is therein; and by his Son Jeſus Chriſt, who hath redeemed us by his precious bloud, ſhed upon the Croſſe; and by the holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father, and the Sonne, by which wee are regenerated and comforted in all our afflictions (before whom I ſtand as the leaſt of all the Children of God) that your Illuſtrious Greatneſſe, reade continually with attention, humility, faith, and reverence, the Word of God, contained in the old and new Teſtament, meditating and practiſing what is contained therein: as the Apoſtle admoniſheth us, ſaying; *Let the*

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word of God dwell in you richly, Col. 3. 16. Matth. 7. 22. Jam. 1. 22. Rom. 2. 13. Prov. 13. 13. For the Word of God belongs as well to you Women, as to Men; *Yet heare the Word of the Lord, O yee Women, and let your eare receive the Word of his mouth*, Jer. 9. 19. & 2 Joh. 1. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. 2 Tim. 1. 4, 5. & 3. 15, 16, 17. Pray unto God in the Name of his Son Jesus Christ, for the gift of his holy Spirit, which being done in humility, not doubting, you shall obtaine it: *Humble your selfe in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up*, James 4. 10. 1 Pet. 5. 6. *For he that wavereth is like a wave of the Sea driven with the winde and tossed*, James 1. 6. That therefore your Illustrious Excellency reade all these passages before recited, and you shall finde, that all that is written is truth; wherefore believe the Word of the Lord, and what is contained in those holy Propheſies; for our Saviour saith, *Blessed are they that heare my word, and keepe it*, Luke 11. 28. Matth 7. 21. Rom. 2. 13. James 1. 22.

A faithfull Bridegroome cannot endure that any one should speake ill, or dishonor his deare and welbeloved Spouse; even so our Lord Jesus Christ, the true and faithfull Bridegroome of his Church, will not let goe unpunished all those that oppose his Reigne, and those that mis-use, doe injury, or reproach his Spouse, stealing his honour from him; when as they say flatly, that the house of *Israel*, converted unto him, shall not inherit, and reigne with Christ a thousand yeares here upon earth; and that the desolate Cities of *Judah* and *Jerusalem*, shall not be rebuilt; who deny also that the holy Martyrs shall rise and reigne with Christ, and his, a thousand yeares upon the earth; Such calumniators, lyars, impudent, shameleſſe seducers, mercenaries, and robbers of the honour of Jesus Christ the Bridegroome and his Spouse, shall be most grievously and justly punished by the word of Christ the soveraigne Judge, and those that assist him, if they repent not in time, and imbrace, and confesse, and instruct their hearers in the pure and holy truth aforesaid, clearly demonstrated: But if they shall doe it, they shall be the blessed of the Lord; then they shall be cherished and loved, but not otherwayes; because unto this present houre, they have maliciously and obstinately

gainſayed the holy Propheſies aforeſaid: And alſo in *Acts* 15. 28, 29. *For it ſeemed good to the holy Ghoſt, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden, then theſe neceſſary things; that yee abſtaine from meates offered to Idolls, and from bloud, and from things ſtrangled, and from fornication, from which if you keepe your ſelves, you ſhall doe well;* fare yee well: Reade alſo *Gen.* 9. 4. *Exod.* 20 3. *Levit.* 3. 17. *&* 17. 10. *&* 19. 26. *Deut.* 12. 23. *Num.* 15. 2. 1 *Sam.* 14. 32, 33, 34. *Zach.* 9. 7. *Revel.* 2. 14. 20. *Pſal.* 141. 4, 5. *And as they went through the Cities,* (to wit, the Apoſtles) *they delivered them the Decrees for to keepe, that were ordained of the Apoſtles and Elders which were at Jeruſalem,* Acts 16. 4. *For yee know what Commandements wee gave you by the Lord Jeſus Chriſt,* 1 Theſ. 4. 2. The Scribes, Phariſees, and Mercenaries, and other ſuch, flatter, inſtructing and giving licence to the people, and to themſelves, to eate the bloud of Beaſts, and things ſtrangled, cleane contrary to the word of God aforeſaid, doing deſpight and grieving the holy Spirit; And they wreſt the word of God, in bringing Objections falſly applyed, to give libertie to their diſordinate and devilliſh appetite; as that which Chriſt ſaith, *Matth.* 15. 11. But this Chapter being read throughout, and well conſidered, you ſhall finde, that it doth no way agree to overthrow or make voyd, the Ordinance that God made by his Apoſtles; For Jeſus Chriſt concludes ſo in the 20. verſe of the ſaid Chapter; *But to eat with unwaſhen hands, defileth not a man*; Even ſo the Apoſtle by the Spirit of Chriſt in *Rom.* 14. 1. to the 21. *&* 1 *Cor.* 8. 1. unto the 12. and 10 *Cor.* the whole Chapter, *Revel.* 2. 14. 20. 1 *Tim.* 4. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. *Titus* 1. 15. You ſee there, that the Apoſtle doth not ſpeak nor underſtand bloud, or things ſtrangled, but ſpeaks and underſtands thoſe kinds of polluted Beaſts forbidden in the old Teſtament; And alſo when Jeſus Chriſt concludes in *Matthew*, as is before alledged, he was then in *Judea*, and ſpeaking to the *Jewes*, and to his Diſciples that were *Jews*. Now in all *Judea*, there were none that eate the bloud of beaſts ſtrangled; this was an abomination to them, neither was there any mention made of it, but they obſerved exactly, that which God had forbidden them before the Law, and in the Law. Wee may ſee clearly by theſe Objections, that the Rabbies, Scribes, Phariſees, Mercenaries, and abuſers, are by themſelves wrong un-

underſtood, alledged, and applyed; and alſo a generall Commandement, cannot make voyd an expreſſe particular Commandement, ſo often reiterated in the holy Scripture. Alſo it is ſaid, *Pſal.* 116. 11. *Rom.* 3. 4. *All men are lyars*; Jeſus Chriſt is true Man; he is not therefore a lyar as the reſt of men are, but is the fountaine and ſpring of all truth.

Now the Apoſtle *Paul* doth admoniſh us to follow and obey the ordinances of God, when he ſaith; *Therefore Brethren, ſtand faſt, hould the traditions which yee have been taught, whither by word, or our Epiſtle*, 2 Theſ. 2. 15. And in another place; *For I have not ſhunned to declare unto you the whole Counſell of God*, Acts 20. 27. And Jeſus Chriſt, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and high Prieſt, ſaith expreſly, *Matth.* 28. 20. *Teaching them to obſerve all things, what ſoever I have commanded you:* Chriſt would not then that wee ſhould change or make new Commandements; for he reſerves to himſelfe the maſtery and ſoveraignty over us.

The Doctors and Miniſters, as well of one ſect as another, commend the reading of the Bible to the people; But they will have every one to underſtand the Propheſies and divine Ordinances, according to their falſe Expoſitions; and not according to the Text; by which meanes they make the people erre, and cauſe the people to ſpeake ill of the word of God. But heare what *Iſaiah* ſaith; *Should not a people ſeeke unto their God, to the Law, and to the Teſtimony, if they ſpeake not according to this word, it is becauſe there is no light in them*, Iſai. 8. 20. And Chriſt ſaith, *They have Moſes, and the Prophets, let them heare them*, Luk. 16. 29. Wee muſt then neceſſarily believe, without doubt, the Divine Oracles, and Commandements, and Ordinances of God, and of Chriſt, pronounced by the Prophets and Apoſtles, word for word, as they are written in the old and new Teſtament; and underſtand them according to the literall ſence, without either adding or diminiſhing; for every word of God is purified; and it is a Buckler to them that hope therein. *Adde not to his words, leaſt thou be reproved, and be found a lyar*, Prov. 30. 5, 6. Pſal. 12. 7. Deut. 4. 2. & 12. 32. Revel. 22. 18, 19. Jer. 26. 2. Alſo the Propheſies were accompliſhing from time to time, and ſhall be accompliſhing untill the end of times and perio[ds]

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of this world. Heare therefore what the holy Spirit ſaith; *For the viſion is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it ſhall ſpeake, and not lye. Though it tarry, wait for it, becauſe it will ſurely come, it will not tarry,* Hab. 2. 3, 4 *For yet a little while, and he that ſhall come, will come, and will not tarry. Now the juſt ſhall live by faith; But if any man draw backe, my ſoule ſhall have no pleaſure in him: But wee are not of them who draw backe to perdition: but of them that believe, to the ſaving of the ſoule,* Heb. 10. 36, 37, 38, 39. *For therein is the righteouſneſſe of God revealed from faith to faith,* Rom. 1. 17. 1 Pet. 1. 22, 23. And truly, the Preachers, Doctors, Maſters, Superintendents, Biſhops, Scribes, Phariſees, Hypocrites, Mercenaries; ought to bluſh for ſhame, to contradict the holy Spirit in his Word; to wit, the Propheſies, as afore-alledged, and to change the Commandements, and Ordinances of Chriſt, and of his Apoſtles. They preſume to be wiſe, but are fooles; to ſee, but are blind; for give eare to what God ſaith of them: *How doe yee ſay, wee are wiſe, and the Law of the Lord is with us; Loe, certainly in vaine made he it; the pen of the Scribe is in vaine; the wiſe men are aſhamed, they are diſmayed and taken; Loe they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wiſdome is in them,* Jer. 8. 8, 9, 10. 21. The Apoſtles believed all that was written in the Prophets; witneſſe Saint *Paul,* ſaying; *But this I confeſſe unto thee, that after the way which they call hereſie, ſo worſhip I the God of my fathers; believing all things which are written in the Law, and the Prophets,* Acts 24. 14. Note this well, and hearken to it you *L.* and *R.* Miniſters, Mercenaries, (except thoſe which are humble and meeke, ſubmitting to the Spirit, and the word of God, and believing the Prophets) will yee be wiſer then the Apoſtle, that yee deſpiſe the Propheſies of the old and new Teſtament? yee wreſt and make falſe Gloſſes and Explications upon them. And yee make a mocke of thoſe which by the grace of God are undeceived, who believe in ſincerity, and out of a pure Conſcience, the Propheſies of the holy Spirit, pronounced by the mouths of his faithfull ſervants the Prophets and Apoſtles; and you cry them up in the fleſh, for Innovators, fantaſtiques, fooles, and mad-men; and that they would introduce new Doctrine: But you are cheaters, coggers, lyars, you doe throw your filth and infamie upon the innocent and faithfull

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ſervants of God, and witneſſes of Jeſus Chriſt; you are full of the vanity of this world, and full of falſe doctrine and humane wiſdome (the which is folly before God) wh ch yee have learned in the Academies, and Univerſities. And if you doe not repent in this time of grace, you and your adherents ſhall be all confounded before God, and his Angels. Wee heare and ſee how the good and juſt God viſits the world with great troubles, becauſe they are not well inſtructed by the Miniſters, Teachers, ſent and called, and put forward by men, and not of God; for if they were ſent and called of God, as were the Prophets of Jeſus Chriſt, as the Apoſtles, they would immediatly be indued with the holy Spirit, which would ſeale their Calling, as Letters patents confirmed unto them; Then wee ſhould perceive from them that which Jeſus Chriſt ſpeakes; *And theſe ſignes ſhall follow them that believe, in my Name ſhall they caſt out Devils; they ſhall ſpeake with new tongues; they ſhall take up Serpents; and if they drinke any deadly thing, it ſhall not hurt them; they ſhall lay hands on the ſicke, and they ſhall recover*, Marke 16. 17, 18. The Popes, Cardinals, Biſhops, Prieſts, the Miniſters, *L.* and *R.* and other Sects, are they ſent from God, let them prove their Calling by theſe paſſages; and let them ſhew their unfained faith by theſe paſſages, recited in St. *Marke*. They will tell you, it is accompliſhed in the ſecond Chapter of the *Acts*, and afterwards by the Apoſtles; And that in theſe times there is no more need of ſignes and miracles. All ſuch and ſuch like objections made by them, is but as duſt caſt into the eyes of their Auditors, to blind them the more: It is therefore an evident ſigne that they are Mercenaries, not ſent of God, nor of Chriſt; And that they have not an operating faith in good workes, power, and vertue from the holy Spirit; the which they never have had, nor taſted. Heare what the Lord Jeſus Chriſt ſaith; *If yee had faith as a graine of Muſtard-ſeed, yee might ſay to this Sycomore Tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the Sea, and it ſhould obey you*, Luke 17. 6. Likewiſe the ſame place in Saint *Matthew* 17. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. But theſe have a pecuniary, worldly, and carnall faith; The Apoſtles and holy men after them in the primitive Church, receiving the holy Spirit, ſpake all ſorts of Languages at the very moment, and very inſtant,

ſtant, the holy Spirit gave them utterance to magnifie the marvailous workes of the Lord, and to preach the Goſpel to all Nations. But theſe aforeſaid Rabbies, hewing the Latine, flaying the Hebrew, gnawing the Greeke, which they have learned in their young yeares, with great coſt, labour, and paines, in Schooles, Academies, and Univerſities. But let us take hold, and faſten our ſelves upon the promiſes of Chriſt, in *Marke* 16. 16, 17, 18. It is not there ſaid, nor in any other place, that the ſignes, miracles, vertues, and gifts of tongues given by the holy Spirit, ſhould ceaſe after the Apoſtles; But it is ſaid; *And theſe ſignes ſhall follow thoſe that have believed.* And in *Joh.* 14. 12. hee ſpeakes there with a double oath; *Verily, verily, I ſay unto you, hee that believeth on mee, the workes that I doe ſhall he doe alſo, and greater workes then theſe ſhall he doe, becauſe I goe unto my father:* Hee doth not here limit the time, nor the perſons of his time; But he ſpeakes in generall, and his word and promiſes are firme and true unto the end of the world, and for ever. Obſerve this well, Illuſtrious Princeſſe, and all others. Moreover, in Saint *John* 17. 20. Chriſt ſaith; *Neither pray I for theſe alone, but for them alſo which ſhall believe on mee through their word.* Likewiſe in the Epiſtle of Saint *James*, Chap. 5 13, 14, 15. It is ſaid; *Is any amongſt you afflicted, let him pray? Is any merry, let him ſing Pſalmes? Is any ſicke amongſt you, let him call for the Elders of the Church, and let them pray over them, anoynting them with oyle in the Name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith ſhall ſave the ſicke; and the Lord ſhall raiſe him up, and if he have committed ſinnes, they ſhall be forgiven them.* The true Miniſters ſent from God will not contradict the Propheſies, Statutes, Commandements, and Ordinances of God, of his Chriſt, and of the holy Spirit, pronounced by the mouth of his faithfull ſervants, the Prophets, and Apoſtles, as Theſe here doe; And therefore God will viſit them in his wrath (if they doe not amend) as the Prophet ſaith; *Behold, I will ſling out the Inhabitants of the Land at this once, and will diſtreſſe them, that they may finde it ſo*, Jer. 10. 18. And further; *Thus ſaith the Lord; Behold, I will lay ſtumbling blockes before this people, and the fathers and the ſonnes together ſhall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend ſhall periſh*, Jer. 6. 21. *For all the unfaithfull ſhall dye in their unfaithfulneſſe*, Eſdr. 15. 34. *Becauſe truth is gone back-*

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ward, & lying advanced, Esdr. 4. 15. 5. *Behold, I will bring plagues upon the world, the sword, famine, death, and destruction*, Esdr. 11. 15. *Wherefore, O earth, earth, earth, heare the word of the Lord*, Jer. 22. 29. Therefore give no more credit to the feigned words and invention of men; but heare what the Apostle saith; *But though wee, or an Angel from heaven preach any other Gospel unto you, then that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.* As we said before, so say I now againe; *If any man preach any other Gospel unto you, then that yee have received, let him be accursed*, Gal. 1. 8, 9. Note well, *Received: And there are also many other things which Jesus did; the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world it selfe could not containe the bookes that should be written*, Joh. 21. 25. As if he had said; But God would not charge us with such a great quantity of Commandements and books, but hath given us as many as are necessary for our salvation; therefore wee ought to be contented with them; wee ought therefore to cast away all Glosses, Sermon-books, Catechismes, Traditions, and ordinances of men; and to keepe our selves onely to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to the old Testament of *Moses* and the Prophets, and to believe and obey them. *Behold, to obey is better then sacrifice, and to hearken then the fat of Rams; for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornesse is as iniquity and Idolatry*, 1 Sam. 15. 22. Wee must be very carefull therefore in adding or diminishing any thing to the Word of God: As Jesus Christ saith; *The Scriptures cannot be broken*, Joh. 10. 35. And *Moses* saith; *You shall adde nothing to the word which I command you, nor take any thing from it*, Deut. 4. 2. & 12. 32. & 28. 14. *Jos.* 1. 7. *Prov.* 36. 6. *Jer.* 26. 2. *Revel.* 2. 22. 18, 19. And for Conclusion, reade *Col.* 3. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. *Eph.* 6. 11. *Joh.* 12. 48. & 6. 63. *Heb.* 4. 12. *Mark.* 16. 16. *Prov.* 13. 13. Wherefore wee ought to reverence, cherish, and obey the word of God; It is our Judge, the true touchstone; for at the last wee shall be approved of, according to our obedience to the Gospel: The Catechismes, Sermon-books, Institutions, Harmonies, Expositions, Prayer-bookes, and such like feigned pieties and humane inventions, are unprofitable and abomination before God; wee ought to instruct youth, men-servants, and maid-servants, by the pure, holy, and living Word of God; and not out of the

traditions and ordinances of men, that are bemantled with sentences here and there, to hide the poyson, and to abuse the people by faire speeches; The old and new Testament, is a sufficient proofe, and abounding in wholesome doctrine, for to make us wise to salvation. Let us therefore teach our children, men-servants, and maid-servants, these following sentences, *Joh.* 1. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. *Revel.* 3. 14. *Gen.* 1. 5. *Psal.* 33 6. *Ephes.* 3. 3. *Coloss.* 1. 18. *Heb.* 1. 2. *Joh.* 5. 26. & 8. 2. & 9. 5. & 11. 46. *Rom.* 10. 13. *Joel* 2. 32. *Acts* 2. 21. *Joh.* 17. 3. *Isaiah* 53. 12. *Jer.* 9. 23. *Rom.* 14. 8. *James* 1. 17. *Phil.* 1. 21. *Matth.* 5. 44. 2 *Chron.* 16. 9. 1 *Sam.* 2. 30. *Prov* 23. 26. *Job* 5. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. & 28. 29. *Jer.* 17. 7, 8. *Psal.* 1. 6. 15. 23. 19. 130. and others. *Mich.* 6. 8. *Mala.* 2. 10. 1 *Chron.* 22. 19. By these and the like holy and wholesome sentences, Doctrines, and Instructions, whereof the Bible is full, wee ought to teach our children, men-servants, and maid-servants; And likewise make them learne the ten Commandements of God, as they are written in the Bible, and not according to the Catechismes of the *R.* and *L.* for they are falsly set downe there: The Summary of the Law, *Matth.* 22. the Lords Prayer, *Matth.* 6. Illustrious Princesse, believe firmely, and obey with an intire, firme, stedfast heart, the Word of God, and the Propheties of the old and new Testament, as afore alledged; and such other like passages contained therein; for the Lord saith so; *Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death,* Jer. 21. 8. Deut. 2. 15. Take heed therefore to your selfe benigne Princesse, you that doe not cast from you the good Counsell of God, as afore-shewed, and be not displeased at me a poore little worme; for it is the Spirit of God in me that commands me, and forceth me to give you notice in time, and to all others, of the generall revolt, falling away, temptation and calamity, which is coming upon the face of the universall earth; the time draweth neare; the revolt is begun already from the time of the primitive Church, and continues yet every day more and more, untill it come to the height. *Watch and pray that yee enter not into temptation,* Marke 6. 41. Forsake the world, and all her vaine glory; *Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that goe in thereat; because strait is the*

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gate, and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that goe in thereat, Matth. 7. 13, 14. Luk. 13. 14. Imitate the example of the five wiſe Virgins, who had in time made a good proviſion in the veſſels of their heart, ſoule, and ſpirit, of the feare of the Lord, of obedience to the Goſpel of Chriſt, ſure faith in the holy Propheſies aforeſaid, of an ardent love towards God and his Word, of unfeigned charity towards their neighbours, which is the Communion of Saints upon Earth; and theſe entred with the Bridegroome Jeſus Chriſt into joy and eternall felicity. But to the other fooliſh and ſleepy worldlings, the gate was ſhut againſt them, *Matth.* 25. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. *When once the Maſter of the houſe is riſen up, and hath ſhut to the doore, and yee begin to ſtand without, and to knocke at the doore, ſaying, Lord, Lord, open to us: And hee ſhall anſwer and ſay unto you, I know you not whence you are: Then ſhall yee begin to ſay, Wee have eaten and drunke in thy preſence; And thou haſt taught in our ſtreets: But he ſhall ſay, I know you not whence you are, depart from mee all you workers of iniquity*, Luk. 13. 26, 27. You ſee therefore, that to goe often to your pretended Lords Supper in the morning, and to hear Sermons, profits nothing, if that before all things you doe not obey the Commandements of Jeſus Chriſt, and the ordinances of the holy Spirit, and of his Apoſtles; which is to bring forth fruits agreeable unto God, and not to ſerve him (or our neighbours) with vaine diſguiſed or diſſembling words, as the hypocrites doe. *Jeſus Chriſt was a hungry, and ſeeing a fig-tree that was in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon but leaves onely; and ſaid unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee hence forward for ever; And preſently the fig-tree withered away*, Matth. 21. 18, 19. Luke 13. 6, 7, 8, 9. Mark. 11. 13. & 22. 32. Dan. 4. 11. Marke well this ſentence, and what hath been ſaid; for this is as well written for Miniſters as for any other perſons, that ſo none may deſpiſe the long-ſuffering and patience of our good God; As thoſe did in the time of the deluge, God gave unto them 120. yeares reſpit for to repent, and commanded *Noah* in the meane while to build the Arke, in their ſight; The juſt *Noah* did admoniſh them enough, but they made a mock of it, untill the time was expired, and then there was onely *Noah*, and a ſmall number of his that were ſaved in the Arke; Then the Lord opened the

windows of heaven, and powred forth his juſt anger upon all thoſe wicked ones; but they being up to the lips in water, cryed out mightily unto the Lord; with their hands lifted up to heaven, but too late for them; for as the Prophet ſaith, *To day if you will heare the voyce of the Lord, harden not your hearts*, Pſal. 95. 8. The Examples being freſh, of *Germany* in the yeare 1618. untill this preſent houre; *Bohemia*, the *Palatinate*, and other places, (look upon *England*) becauſe they would not obey the Son of God, and his Commands, neither will yet believe in the Propheſies aforeſaid; you know very well, that our good God hath not ſpared them (notwithſtanding, that they boaſted, and doe boaſt, that they are Goſpellers, and reformed, but rather deformed) ſo that he hath driven out from thence, Princes and Princeſſes, Earles and Counteſſes, and Barons, Nobles and Ignobles, Marchands and Labourers, Tradeſmen and Miniſters, Preachers, Doctors, Maſters, Superintendents, Scribes, Phariſees, Hypocrites, and Mercenaries, and hath overturned them over and over, ſtriking them with plague and warre. And likewiſe the *Rochellers*, and many other places in *France*; and wherefore? but becauſe they have been rebells to God, and to his Son Jeſus Chriſt, to his words and Commands: nay, and continue yet in it; And their falſe Doctors and Profeſſors, Superintendents, Maſters, Preachers, Scribes and Phariſees, as well *L.* as *P.* flatter them, and abuſe them, not inſtructing them in thoſe things afore-recited. But contrarily, make a mock; and by this they draw down the wrath of God upon them; and thoſe that are eſcaped and diſperſed here and there, continue ſtill wilfull in their opinions, obſtinate, dizziheaded, and hardned in their error and offences, and will not give themſelves up to be counſelled, guided, governed, or inſtructed by the Spirit of God, nor of his Word, remaining blind, as their fathers before them. They make bookes of Controverſies, Catechiſmes, and great Sermon-bookes a number of Harmonies, Inſtitutions, Commentaries, Confeſſions, Articles, and ridiculous and erronious Gloſſes, ill-grounded upon the true and pure text of the word of God; by which they abuſe, charme, gull, cheat all their Auditors, both ſmall and great; in ſo much, that they make traffique and marchandiſe of the word of God. And moreover

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thoſe that are become Maſters in this trade, cry out in their Pulpits, and ſtrike with their hands, as Mountebankes in the Markets, conſtraining their Auditors, both ſmall and great, as blind as themſelves, to imbrace, believe, and follow their Decrees, Articles, Confeſſions of faith, Orders, and Eccleſiaſticall Rules, forged and feigned in the Synods, Claſſes, and Counſell-houſe of theſe hirelings; they make themſelves Doctors and Maſters, and Batchelors of Divinity, in the Academies and Univerſities, againſt the Commandement of Jeſus Chriſt (to be ſeen and eſteemed of men, marrying themſelves to rich wives, pecuniaries and Mamoniſts, that they may have their eaſe, and their purſes filled with money, that they may ſpend it upon their falſe and unprofitable ſtudies) Chriſt ſaith; *Bee not yee called Rabbi, for one is your Maſter, even Chriſt; and all yee are brethren; neither be yee called Maſters, for one is your Maſter, even Chriſt,* *Matth.* 23. 8, 9, 10, 11. *Mal.* 1. 6. *Matth.* 20. 26. *Job* 22. 29. *Prov.* 29. 23. *Luke* 14. 11. The Miniſters as well of one ſide as another, are diſdainfull, proud, preſumptuous, gluttons, drunkards, covetous (as the *Ranters*) arrogant and ſhameleſſe lyars; they *ſet their mouth againſt the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth,* Pſal. 73. 9. Therefore let them be adviſed or counſelled by this Epiſtle, to amend themſelves, and to humble themſelves before the great God, and beg pardon with teares, and leave off their errors and hypocriſie, and to imbrace the pure truth of God, and the right Baptiſme and Lords Supper, after the ſame manner that Jeſus Chriſt hath ordained and commanded them; And the Apoſtles, and Primitive Churches alwayes practiſed, as many of the faithfull ſervants of Chriſt, ſcattered here and there upon the univerſe, doe at this day; But very true it is, they are but a few which are encouraged and ſtrengthned by their Lord and Maſter Jeſus Chriſt; who ſaith to them; *Feare not little flocke, it is your fathers will to give you a kingdome,* Luke 12. 32. To believe firmely, and never to contradict any more the Propheſies, as well in the old as the new Teſtament, and to be no more oppoſers, but obey the ordinances and Commandements of God, and of Jeſus Chriſt, the holy Spirit, and the Apoſtles; doing of which, and inſtructing the people according to the pure verity of the Word of God, and not according

cording to the perverse and erronious Traditions and Glosses of men. All these, and all they that shall follow this good and saving counsell, God will be mercifull, in pardoning their sins and faults: but contrarily, if they shall continue froward, obstinate, and hardened in their errors and hypocrisie, Christ shall justly punish them in his wrath, as rebels and reprobates, which shall fall upon them inevitably, unavoydably; for God hath made it known, and revealed it divers times to his humble Turtle-dove. *But to whom shall I looke, but to the afflicted and contrite spirit, and to him that trembles at my words: heare the word of the Lord yee that tremble at his word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my Names sake; said, Let the Lord be glorified; but he shall appeare to your joy, and they shall be ashamed,* Isai. 66. 2. 5. & 57. 15. & 61. 1c. *Blessed are yee when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evill against you falsly for my sake; rejoyce and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you,* Matth. 5. 11, 12. Isai. 5. 17. 1 Pet. 3. 10. Reade also 20. *Jeremie.* Just so it fares with all the children of God to this day: *And as many as walke according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God,* Gal. 6. 16. Psal. 125. 5. Let it please your Illustrious Greatnesse, to communicate this writing to his *A. E. D. B.* and to my Lady his Mother, and to the other Princesses his Sisters. And likewise her Majesty the Queen-Mother of *Sweden*; But detain the Epistle to your selves, and communicate it to the Princes & Princesses of *Germany*: Made in the Mount Royall this $\frac{21}{31}$ of *March*, in the yeare of grace, to watch, amend, & pray, 1645.

MADAME:
D. V. Ill. Excel.

The thrice humble, sincere, and faithfull servant, *D. R.*

The Subscription of this Epistle was;

To the High, Thrice Illustrious, Excellent Princesse,
Madame Madame E
L *Princesse of the thrice Illustrious*
and ancient House of
&c. &c. My thrice benigne Princesse and Lady.

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JEsus Christ saith; *Judge not according to the outward appearance, but judge righteous Judgement*, Joh. 7. 24. Deut. 1. 16.

But those mine enemies who would not that I should reigne over them, bring hither and slay them before mee, Luke 19. 27.

Heare this all yee people; give eare all yee Inhabitants of the world; both low and high, rich and poore together; my mouth shall speake of wisdome; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding, Psal. 49. 1, 2, 3, 4. & 78. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

For, behold, the Lord comes out of his place, to punish the Inhabitants of the earth, for their iniquity; and the earth shall disclose her bloud, and shall no more cover her slaine, Isai. 26. 21. Mich. 1. 2, 3, 4.

Give eare, O yee heavens, and I will speake; and heare, O earth, the words of my mouth, Deut. 32. 1.

The beginning of wisdome is the feare of the Lord, and the knowledge of holy things is understanding, Prov. 9. 10.

Thou wilt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for the time to have mercy thereon; for the appointed time is come; for thy servants delight in the stones thereof, and have pity on the dust thereof. Then the Heathen shall feare the Name of the Lord, and all the Kings of the earth thy glory, when the Lord shall build up Zion, and shall appeare in his glory: this shall be written for the generation to come, and the people which shall be created, shall praise the Lord, that they may declare the Name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem, Psal. 102. 14, 15, 16, 17, 19. 22. & 29.

It will be a dreadfull effect, which a hardned heart, persevering in sin and rebellion against the Commandements and Ordinances of Jesus Christ our Lord will produce.

Goe and tell this people, heare yee indeed, but understand not, and see yee indeed, but perceive not; make the heart of this people fat, and make their eares heavie; and shut their eyes, least they see with their eyes, and heare with their eares, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord how long? And he answered, untill the Cities be wasted, without Inhabitant, and the houses without man; and the Land be utterly desolate; and the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the middest of the Land, Isaiah. 6. 9, 10, 11, 12. & 29. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. Matth. 13. 14, 15. Mark. 4. 12. Luke 8. 10. Rom. 11. verse 8.

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Où L'oreille n'eſt point par raiſon ententive:
Point ne ſert le diſcours d'une parolle vive.

Dulden, Leiden, vnd Vertragen,
Der Chriſten Kenzeichen iſt;
Am Haſſen, Meiden, vnd Verlagen
Kent man den Wieder-Chriſt.

Loups raviſants et faux Prophetes,
Portent habits de Brebiettes.

*Mat.*7.15.*&* 24.11,12.2 *Cor.*11.13,14,15. *Luc.*12.1. *Phil.*3.2.18. *Col.*2.4.18. 1 *Tim.*3.1.*&* 4.1.2.4. 2 *Pet.*3.3,4,5,6,7. *Jude ver.*18. 2 *Pet.*2.10. 2 *Tim.*2.17.*&* 3.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9. *Tit.*3.9, 10.2 *Joh.* 10. *Eph.*5.6. *Mark.*13.5. *Luk.*21.7. *Deut.*13.1.*&* 18.20, 21, 22. *Pro.*18.10. *Iſa.*3.11.*&*28.7.*&* 56.10,11,12. *Jer.*12.10. *Mic.*3 11. *Jer.*14.13,14,15.*&* 5.12.*&* 23.16. *Ezek.*13.9.*&*14.22.25.*&* 34. 2,3,4,5,6,7. *Amos* 7.10. *Mic.*3.5. *Zach.*13.2,3,4,5,6.

Ayons tous-jours memoire & ſouvenance,
D'Honoren Dieu ſuivant ſon ordonnance,
Eſt non ſelon la tradition humaine,
Car c'eſt une choſe abſurde & vaine.
Ni tant ſoit fort & puiſſant Empereur
N'evitera du grand Dieu la fureur.
Touts qui liſez en ces eſcrits,
Et voyant telle remontrance,
Donnez en gloire au ſaint Eſprit
Ne les mettant en nonchalance.

Pſal. 26. 3.

Ceux qui aveques l'armes d'œil
Auront ſemé perdront le dueil,
Se trouvants joyeux & contents,
Quand de moiſſonner ſera temps.
Vray eſt qu'en douleur amere,
Semeront leur ſemence chere:
Mais tous-joyeux ils porteront
Les gerbes qu'ils en cueilleront.
Toſt ou tard, pres ou loin,
Le riche a du povre beſoin.

A Dieu Ma Vie, En Dieu Ma Fin.